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7th Feb.	MANTUA ...	11000	.....	...
14th ,,	SALSETTE ...	6000	MOREA	11000
21st ,,	CALEDONIA	8000	.....	...
28th ,,	MALOJA	12500	.....	...
7th Mar.	PERSIA ...	8000	.....	...
14th ,,	SALSETTE ...	6000	MARMORA ...	10500
21st ,,	MACEDONIA	10500	.....	...
28th ,,	SALSETTE ...	6000	MOLDAVIA ...	10000
*1st Apl.	HIMALAYA	7000	.....	...
4th ,,	ARABIA ...	8000	.....	...
11th ,,	SALSETTE ...	6000	MEDINA	12500
18th ,,	MANTUA ...	11000	.....	...
25th ,,	SALSETTE ...	6000	MONGOLIA ...	10000
*29th ,,	ARCADIA ...	7000	.....	...
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City of Goa ... A & C	7467	21st Jan.	...
City of Birmingham A & C	7475*	23rd Feb.	21st Feb
City of Calcutta A & C	7539*	13th Mar	10th Mar
Trafford Hall ..... A	5321	21st Mar.	...
City of Manchester. A & C	5951	.....	25th Mar
City of Paris ..... A & C	9232*	13th April	11th Apr
City of Karachi ... A & C	5595	.....	22nd Apr
City of Lahore ... A & C	8575	.....	2 6th Apr
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*Graz	05	.....	20th Mar.
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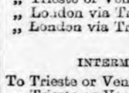

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The steamer Athamas, 2,477 tons, captain T. Zarlies, sailed yesterday for Hull, with a general cargo.

The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Linga, 951 tons, captain H. M. Cutbush, sailed yesterday for Karachi, etc. with a general cargo and passengers.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Queda, 4,944 tons, captain H. J. Rouse, arrived here on Sunday from Calcutta, December 28 with a cargo of coal.

The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Kasara, 504 tons, captain C. R. King arrived in harbour on Sunday from Busreh etc., via Karachi, with a general cargo and 15 cabin and 131 deck passengers.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Muttra, 2,985 tons, captain H. Carey, which arrived here on Saturday from Newcastle, (Australia, November 17,) brought a cargo of coal and horses and 7 cabin passengers.

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The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Itinda, 3,397 tons, captain H. McClelland, will sail to-day for Calcutta via Galle with ballast.

The steamer Vasilefs, Constantino, 2485 tons, captain Glentyles sailed yesterday for Port Said for orders with a general cargo.

The Japan Line steamer Colombo Maru, 3,919 tons, captain N. Kawashima arrived in harbour yesterday from Yokohama via coast ports, with a general cargo.

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Barjora.....1908 Commack.....M M & Co
Bleamore .....2404 Blakuf .....T M & Co
Baron Ardrossan...3774 Reid .....K N Co
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Bloemfontein .....2953 Pursell .....
Don of Ogil...3116 Jarvis .....P M & Co
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Itinda .....3397 McClelland.....M M Co
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Kasara .....504 King ...Basrah...M M & Co
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Pandua .....2198 Handcock .....M M & Co
Queda .....4944 Rouse .....M M & Co
Ryeberga .....2405 Berger .....
Rydal Hall .....2149 Lewis .....K N & Co
Umballa ..3426 Sparrow .....M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK.—Dec. 29.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capts.	Dest.	Dats.	Agents.
A Rinaldo	2792	Chilton	...Hull	27-12	... J Finlay & Co
D&E Jian Muckistash	3643	Linnox	.....		J Finlay & Co
F Seistan	2711	Forbes	..2-1-14	...	... M&O
K Assaye	1359	Coldwell	..Chios	...	P & O Co
M Spitzfel	3642	Krip ner	...Hull	...	N F... W & A G & Co
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O Elr	2748	Marenzo	.....	Dock	7-1-14 W & A G & Co
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9	Clarita	3037	Mills	...Antwerp	... MM & Co
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ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
27	Muttra	Carey	Alla Nov 17
	Barjora	Cammack	Busreh Dec 15
28	Queda	Rouse	C'tta Dec 10
	Kasara	King	Busreh Dec 21
	Colombo Maru	Kawashima	Y'hama Nov 21

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination
29	Linga	Cutbush	Karachi &c.
	Athamas	Zarlies	Hull
	Begonia	Hawse	Calcutta
	Vasilefs Constantino	Glentyles	Portsaid (for orders)

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FOR MOJI.

Cairnhill s—200 bales cotton, Ralli Bros

FOR HONGKONG.

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DAILY IMPORTS.—DEC. 29.

Steamer Etaura from Mauritius Agents M. M. and Co.—72,312 bags sugar, 3 cases sugar canes, 10 casks hides, 2 casks goat skins, 2 bundles 1 case rubber, 4 casks old copper, 7 casks old brass, 4 casks old lade, 1 bundle brass tubes, 34 boxes specie.

Steamer Umballa from Rangoon Agents M. M. and Co.—85,600 bags rice, 3,665 pieces teak scantlings, 17 pieces teak planks, 189 pieces teak posts, 331 bags white beans, 116 bundles old gunnies, 7240 cases sandles, 700 cases p. wax, 34 casks cow hides.

Steamer Bloemfontein from New York, Agents, W. and A. Graham and Co.—30 bales cotton, 466 bales 19 cases cotton goods, 5 cases locks, 2 boxes clocks, 2 boxes 6 cases drugs, 60 cases painkiller, 8 cases vaseline, 560 bags almonds, 125 barrels rasin, 1783 barrels, 60 cases lubricating oil, 5 barrels lubricating grease, 30 barrels 85 cases grease, 40,200 cases refined petroleum, 27 cases 1 box paint, 4 cases paper, 5 cases 1 package soap.

Steamer Armand Behic from Marseilles, Agents M.Maritimes.—1 case cigarette, 3 cases watches, 38 cases saffron, 2560 bags almonds, 4 bundles wine, and vermouth, 2 cases raisins, 35 cases champagne, 57 cases vermouth, 119 cases wine, 20 cases mineral water, 175 cases aluminium, 40 cases benedictine, 976 cases brandy, 135 cases 2 casks oil, 440 pigs lead, cases umbrellas, 1 case linen, 2 cases 5 bundles cotton goods, 8 cases cotton and silk goods, 1 case silk goods.

Steamer Queda from Calcutta, Agents, M M and Co, 9,908 tons coal, 1 case rubber tyres.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE charges for announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES, which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender, are Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

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BIRTHS.

TREMEARNE.—December 29, at Andheri, the wife of H. Tremearne, National Bank, Ltd., of a daughter.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Olympia Picture Palace, Sandhurst-road. America-India Cinematograph, Charni-road.

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE.

[In force from 1st September, 1913.]

The following are the hours of arrival and departure of the principal Mail and Express trains at and from Victoria Terminus and Colaba daily. Standard time is given in all cases :—

G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr.	Dep.
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-15
Calcutta Mail (via Jubbulpur)	13-20	21-0
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	8-45	13-30
Madras Mail	6-9	21-30
Poona Mail	11-10	14 45
Delhi Express (3rd and inter. class)... ...	6-40	7-30
Poona Expr ss ...	19-35	8-0
Manmad Express ...	11-30	14-25
Postal Express for Punjab.		*
do. do. for Calcutta.		*
do. do. for Madras ..		*

* Four hours after mail steamer is signalled on Fridays only.

B. B. & C. I. Railway.

[In force from 1st December 1913.]

	Arr.	Dep.
Northern Express ...	8-50	21-0
Gujarat Mail	7-45	21-30
Third class Kathiawar Express & Delhi Fast Passenger 1st, 2ndand 3rd ...	6-55	21-45

RADIO NOTICE.—The Radio Office has been in touch with the transport "Plassey" since one a. m., yesterday. Radio messages will be accepted up to 6 p. m. of the 1st.

GIRL'S FATAL FALL.—A girl named Laxmibai, aged eleven, fell from the fourth floor of a house in Dhanji-street, Tardeo, on Saturday, and died instantly. The girl went to work at a Parsi house in Tardeo on Saturday evening, and having swept the floor went to throw the dust through a window overlooking a sweeper's gully. There she lost her balance, fell down into the gully, and was picked up dead. An inquest was held on Sunday, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A VICTORIA :—A Hindu mendicant, named Kalidas Gulabchand, was walking along Girgaum on Saturday, last when he was knocked down and run over by a victoria. The evidence at the inquest showed that victoria No. 1015 was coming up behind the deceased, and when the driver shouted out the deceased turned aside, but he again came forward and was knocked down by one of the wheels which passed over him. He was taken to the hospital where he died subsequently. Accidental death was the verdict returned at the inquest.

MUSIC AT CHAUPATI.—By kind permission of Col. W. S. Marshall and officers, the Band of the Sherwood Foresters, under the direction of Mr. A. H. Dawsell, will play the following programme of music, commencing at 5-45 p. m. (S. T.) to-day :—

March	Landolt ..... Seelmann
Selection (from).	The Marriage Market ..... Scobi
Valse	Love & Laughter... Strauss
Overture	Hunyadi Laszlo ...Dom Erkl
Piccolo Solo	The Wren ..... Damare
Selection	Tannhauser ..... Wagner
(a) Air-de-ballet...	Lancelet ..... Adam
(b) From Suite Venezia	Gondolieri ..... Nevin
March	Angelina ..... Scotto

MUSIC AT THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB.—By kind permission of Lt.-Col. R. M. Thomasos, V. D., and officers, the Band of the 1st Battn., S. S. & C. I. Rif. Vols., will play the following programme, under the direction of Mr. Geo. W. Salter, commencing at 6 p.m. to-day :—

March	Le Reine de Saba .. Gounod
Overture	Haydee ..... Auber
Valse	Blue Bells ..... Waldteufel
Selection	Romeo & Juliet ... Gounod
Turkish Dance	Ansell
Selection	The Bohemian Girl.. Balfe
Bolero	Le Matador ..... Southworth

MUSIC AT THE PRINCESS MARY GYMKHANA.—By kind permission of Lt.-Col. T. W. Bonner, V.D., and officers, the Band of the 1st Battn., G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers, will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. Hugh B. Mitchell, bandmaster, commencing at 6-0 p.m. to-day :—

March	Europe United ..... W. Zehle
Overture	Stradella ..... Fiotow
Valse	The Eternal Waltz ... Leo Fall
Potpourri (on)	Melodious Memories... Finck
Song (Cornet Solo).	The Children's Home.. Cowen
Selection	The Chocolate Soldier ..... Straus
Two-Step	Ragtime Violin ..... Berlin

HOPPER BARGE SUNK.

The Port Officer, Bombay, has issued the folloiwng notification :—

The Port Trust hopper barge "Mudlark" lies sunk in 24 feet at low water, in a position (S.S.W.) true 1 1 2 cables from Tucker Beacon. Diving barges will be anchored over the spot with their usual distinguishing marks by day and night.

YOUR FRIENDS TOLD YOU

The ALBION MILK and SULPHUR SOAP is "pleasant to use and whitens and softens the skin," and "I prefer it to any other," would you miss trying a tablet? These testimonials from ladies of title (with names) are on the wrapper and thousands (Home and abroad) buy the soap. If it suits so many, may it not be worth your attention? It is a Toilet luxury, delightful in use, delicately perfumed, refreshing and beneficial. British manufacture. Sold by chemists stores, grocers, etc., and at 76, New Oxford-Street, London. Established over 35 years.

BOMBAY BURGLARIES.

THIRTEEN MEN ARRESTED BY THE C. I. D.

REMARKABLE ALLEGATIONS.

A new method of burglary has been it is alleged, lately introduced in Bombay by a notorious gang of Kathiawaree burglars, assisted by other persons who pass as "satta dalals," or speculative brokers. A number of crimes committed by these burglars have been detected by Inspectors Faizulla and Mahomed Husein Taki, of the C. I. D., Bombay, and a large quantity of stolen property has been recovered from them.

It appears that the so-called "satta dalals" acted as receivers, and having got booty from the burglars, they quickly melted it down so that it could not be identified. In the daytime the "dalals" visited big pedi's shops and houses and then gave particulars to the thieves as to where valuables were kept, and at night the burglars broke into the places and carried away ornaments, cash and such other articles as could easily be converted into metal or money.

Recent burglaries committed by these Kathiawarees have also been detected. On November 22 last, a shop at Mumbadevi Tank-road, belonging to a Hindu, named Mohanlal Aghadohand, was broken into and cash and ornaments of the value of Rs. 1,520 stolen The burglars entered the shop through a window facing the sweeper's passage at the rear.

A similar burglary was committed on the 11th instant. In this case a Bori, named Fidaally Mahomedally, was the victim. He has a shop in Abdel Rehman-Street, which was broken into and silver and gold articles of the total value of Rs. 1,230, were stolen.

The C. I. D., made diligent enquiries and succeeded in arresting three persons on the 13th instant in connection with the Mumba Devi Tank-road burglary. Nothing was found in their possession, but, on statements they made, four other persons were arrested. It is alleged that the stolen property passed through their hands, and was melted and sent to Idar State.

In connection with the Abdul Rehman-street burglary six more men were arrested. A man named Ogad Samat, who kept a gold-smith shop in Kamatipura, was also arrested on a charge of receiving and disposing of stolen property.

The police have succeeded in recovering ornaments of the value of Rs. 1,080.

WOMEN'S MEDICAL SERVICE.

REPLY TO BOMBAY MEDICAL UNION.

Lieut.-Col. Sir J. R. Roberts, I. M. S., has replied as follows to the Bombay Medical Union, regarding its representation on the Women's Medical Service :—

With regard to the first point raised, viz., acompetitive examination to be held in India for the recruitment of the service, the Bombay Union have probably not realised that for a service with a maximum of twenty-five members, the recruitment will only be one or two a year, which fact alone makes a competitive examination impracticable, whereas, selection, Her Excellency considers, to be the better plan, as it allows character, disposition, language, qualification, Medical degrees and diplomas, and the record of work already done to be taken into consideration when making the selection, and moreover allows of the proportion of Indian, European, domiciled Anglo-Indian, and English to be properly maintained and adjusted.

With regard to the point raised by the Union of the non-eligibility of women possessing only the L. M. and S. of Bombay University, Her Excellency wishes it to be understood that she regards this sympathetically and will raise the question at a meeting of the Central Committee.

To this Dr. Jehangir Cursetji, the president, replied :—Permit me, on behalf of the Bombay Medical Union, to sincerely thank Her Excellency Lady Hardinge for the prompt and sympathetic consideration her ladyship has accorded to their representation regarding the Women's Medical Service for India.

Under the circumstances mentioned in your letter, the Union agree with Her Excellency in thinking that, taking into consideration the fact that the number of vacancies in the Service will, in the beginning, be very limited, recruitment by selection will be preferable to a competitive examination for the present. But they hope that as the Service develops more and more in the near future, admission by an open competitive examination will come to be recognised as the proper course to be adopted.

POLICE COURTS.

A REPENTANT THIEF.

Doraswami, a Madrasi, was yesterday placed by Inspector Sykes, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, charged with stealing a silk saree, valued at Rs. 100, belonging to a Telegraph peon named Anant Anappa, residing at Grant-road.

It appeared the accused was on friendly terms with the complainant and used to visit him. When the saree was missed, a complaint was lodged with the police, and on Sunday evening the accused was caught trying to throw the saree into the complainant's room. The accused denied the charge, and said it was falsely brought against him by the complainant, who owed him a grudge.

The magistrate convicted the accused, but taking into consideration that this was his first offence, and that he intended to return the property to its owner, discharged him, ordering him to enter into a bond in the sum of Rs. 25 to be of good behaviour for six months.

OLD OFFENDER COMMITTED.

Rahim Karim, a Mahomedan, against whom there aresix previous convictions, was yesterday placed by Sub-Inspector Karnik before Mr. A. H. S Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, charged with theft of two ten-rupee currency notes. On Saturday evening one Changoor Jiwaradh was going along SheikMemon-street, when he stopped to look at the ruins of the Lakhmidas Khimji Market, and the accused is alleged to have taken the two notes from his pocket while he was standing there. A man who said he saw the act committed, arrested him, and the notes were recovered.

The magistrate committed the accused to the Sessions.

NEW FOUNDLING HOME.

LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE.

A ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITY.

The laying of the foundation-stone of the new Foundling Home at Agripada was performed on Sunday evening by His Grace Dr. Jourgens, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Bombay.

The Foundling Home was established in 1874 by the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, the Home being built at Love Lane, Mazagon, on a rather modest scale. As time passed, however, it was found that the accommodation provided by that building was too small for the requirements, and the necessity for a larger and more commodious building has been keenly felt for sometime. It was, therefore, decided to erect a new building which would meet present requirements as well as provide for future demands.

The site selected for the new building is on the Improvement Trust Estate on Reynolds-road, Agripada. The building proposed is to be a large one, and is designed to accommodate 300 children. In the centre of it, at the entrance, will be a chapel, on the northern side will be the hostel and quarters, and on the southern side will be the school and the dormitory. A kindergarten school and a dispensary have also been provided for and will be built on one side of the main building, the out-houses and other buildings being at the back and facing the road to the east of the compound.

The cost of the new building is estimated to come to about three lakhs of rupees, of which the Society expects to realize about a lakh of rupees from the sale of the old buildings and another lakh from Government. For the rest of the money required they have to depend solely on the munificence of the public. The Home is not confined to any caste, sect or creed, but is of a purely non-sectarian character, and the Society hopes the public will respond generously to their appeal. There are at present only a few thousand rupees in hand, the proceeds of the sale of work recently held in St. Mary's High School, and a small number of private contributions.

The Archbishop, assisted by several priests, said prayers and after consecrating the site by sprinkling holy water thereon, lowered the stone and fixed it in its place. His Grace then spoke a few words, exorting his hearers to contribute to the construction of the building the expenses of which would be high. He offered his blessing to all those who had contributed, who were making periodical contributions, and who would subsequently contribute, and requested them to contribute again or to continue their contributions. The little ones who came to them, he said, were sent by the desire of Christ, Who said : "Suffer the little ones to come to Me, hinder them not, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven" and the contributions that would be given to the Home would be in answer to the petition of Christ. He hoped that by the blessing of the Divine influence they would be able, before long, to complete the building they had begun that day.

FIRE IN A COAL STACK.

FIREMEN'S DIFFICULT TASK.

Smoke was seen issuing from a stack of coal at Coal Bunder, Mazagon, on Saturday night, and on the alarm being given, the Chinchpoogly fire engine proceeded to the place and poured water on the stack.

At first the exertions of the Fire Brigade appeared to be ineffective as the stack was a big one and the fire seemed to be somewhere in the centre. About one hundred coolies were engaged to remove the coal and clear a passage for the hose to be taken to the scene of the fire, and it took them the whole night to clear a passage.

Next morning the Gowalia Tank engine was also called, and the two engines were got to work. After some time the fire seemed to slacken and the engines were withdrawn, but a couple of lines connected with the main, continued to be worked, as a fire in a stack of coal usually continues to smoulder for a long time.

The stack contains about 6,000 tons of coal and belongs to Messrs. Turner Morrison and Co. The fire is supposed to have been due to spontaneous combustion, but the damage is said to be inconsiderable.

JAMMED BETWEEN TWO BUFFERS.

At the morgue, on Sunday, Dr. Nunan, Deputy Coroner, held an inquest on the body of a Hindu labourer, name unknown, who was killed by being jammed between the buffers of two railway waggons on the G. I. P. Railway line at Wari Bunder.

The evidence showed that there were waggons standing on the line, with a gap between them, through which labourers were accustomed to take a short cut. When the waggons were being moved, it was the custom for signals to be given, and the men did not pass until the waggons were again stationary. The deceased, who was a new man, attempted to pass through when the waggons were moving, was caught between the buffers and died in a couple of minutes.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

LANAVLA PARSI HIGH SCHOOL.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Davar presided at the annual concert of the Lonavla Parsi High School on Saturday, and in the course of an address said that the Parsi community, although a small one in comparison with the other communities in India, boasted men with a spirit of enterprise, many of whom had gone to distant parts of India, but [illegible] of the world. The question [illegible]ing the children of these men [illegible] difficult one, and Mr. Bahadurji, with a view to meeting the situation, first started a school at Panchgani, which he later on transferred to Lonavla, as being a more convenient place. He had at Lonavla four bungalows in which he accommodates 70 boys and girls. Mr. Bahadurji is assisted by two graduates, three European lady teachers and a Persian teacher. Two, out of the three boys sent up for the Matriculation from this High School, had passed that examination. They had children in this institution who had come from China, Burma, Rajputana and distant parts of India.

THE WEATHER.

UNSETTLED CONDITIONS OCCUR IN PERSIA.

DRY IN INDIAN AREA.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

SIMLA, Dec. 28.

Dry weather continues and the temperature remains below normal in Burma and over the greater part of Northern India.

SIMLA, Dec. 29.

Conditions are becoming unsettled in Persia and a cloud is appearing in Baluchistan, but at present the weather remains dry over the whole Indian area.

Forecast.—No large change.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, Dec. 29.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Wheat doing well. Sowings in progress.

Hansi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Absence of rain causing anxiety. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Mooltan.—Cotton crop accounts continue favourable.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crop.

Agra.—Mornings cold and dewy. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Benawar.—Bright, no sign of Rain.

Amraoti.—Mornings cold and dewy. Kharif harvest in progress.

Khamgaon.—Cloudy, but no rain. All crops doing well.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Crop prospets genenally good.

Jalgaon.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Dewfall insufficient. Cotton plants ready for picking. Cotton crop excellent and accounts satisfactory.

Broach.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing, in flower and showing bells. Cotton crop making good progress and prospects improving.

Viramgam.—Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening.

Wadhwan.—Unusually cool, Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants ready for picking. Cotton crop accounts continue favourable.

Bhawnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Arrivals freely.

Surat.—Mornings cold and dewy.

Sholapur.—Mornings cold and dewy. Absence of rain causing anxiety.

Bellary.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants flourishing.

Appended is Monday's report of the Meteorological Reporter for Western India, based on observations taken at 8 o'clock.

Names of Stations.	Maximum temperature during the past 24 hours.	Minimum temperature during the past 24 hours.	Rainfall past 24 hours.	Rainfall since 1st November to date.
Bushire (28th)	61·3	47·8	...	6·15
Jask	75·3	59·3	...	1·43
Muskat (28th)	77·3	2	...	6·12
Multan	70.8	39·0	...	0·10
Rawalpindi	60·9	34·5	...	1·85
Lahore	67·4	32·7	...	0·49
Sirsa	64·3	34·0	...	0·65
Ambala	67·5	34·9	...	0·72
Delhi	67·0	33·8	...	0·52
Agra	71·5	40·5	...	0·09
Mainpuri	71·8	37·1	...	0·26
Jhansi	74·1	42·0	...	0·37
Cawnpore	73·6	40·5	...	0·02
Allahabad	73·0	40·5	..	0·68
Jacobabad	64·5	35·8	...	1·30
Karachi	74·5	58·5	...	0·17
Ajmer	68.1	41·7	...	2·34
Jaipur	74·2	40·6	...	0·86
Kotah	75·1	48·1	...	1·03
Bhuj	75·0	46·0	...	0·03
Dwarka	86·3	58·2	...	...
Veraval	82·1	62·8	...	...
Rajkot	81·1	49·8	...	...
Bhavnagar Para.	83·5	49·3	...	...
Surat	87·4	56·1	...	...
Ahmedabad	84·1	53·7	...	...
Deesa	82·3	49·4	...	0·01
Neemuch	75·5	50·0	...	0·04
Indore	80·6	48·8	...	0·20
Jubbulpore	78·3	45·3	...	0·94
Saugor	77·3	50·6	...	0·81
Hoshangabad	80·1	48·4	...	0·77
Khandwa	85·7	54·6	...	0·00
Akola	87·2	59·0	...	0·49
Amraoti	84·8	59·3	...	1·31
Nagpur	84·1	57·8	...	0·85
Chanda	84·5	57·0	...	0·37
Raipur	78·7	51·6	...	1·26
BOMBAY	79·2	68·5	...	...
Ratnagiri	83·8	61·9	...	...
Mormugao	85·5	67·2	...	...
Karwar	85·2	63·5	...	...
Malegaon	84·4	52·1	...	0·08
Ahmednagar	83·6	50·0	...	0·16
Poona	84·0	50·8	...	...
Sholapur	88·3	62·6	...	0·01
Vijapur	89·2	68·8	...	0·24
Belgaum	84·3	58·0	...	0·82
Aurangabad	83·9	59·0	...	0·00
Nizamabad (Indur)	86·9	62·7	...	0·02
Hyderabad	84·8	62·7	...	0·00
Mangalore	87·6	69·8	...	0·93
Calicut	86·3	70·1	...	4·67
Cochin	90·7	69·7	...	4·48
Colombo	89·0	67·0	...	27·10
Masulipatam	84·1	70·1	...	0·00
Bellary	90·8	63·8	...	0·04
Cuddapah	86·3	63·9	...	3·09
Madras	83·5	69·5	...	27·67
Banga ore	80·9	56·5	...	0·30
Coimbatore	84·0	63·8	...	4.87
Trichinopoly	85·1	67·3	...	10·30
Negapatam	83·1	73·9	...	52·28

STANDARD BAROMETER READING.

The following information is published in order that vessels in the Bombay Harbour may, by comparison with a standard instrument, ascertain the errors of their barometers:—

The reading of the Standard Barometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 80 deg. F. and to the level of the tide, at 8-45 a.m., (Standard Time), on the 29th December, 1913, was 30·224 inches. For temperature corrections applicable to mercurial barometers of ships, the reading of the ship's barometer is to be increased or decreased by 013 inch for every 5 deg., according as the temperature of the attached thermometer is respectively below or above 80 deg. F. In case of the Aneroid, no temperature correction is needed, but for comparison at 80 deg. F, all Aneroid readings should be increased by ·138 inch. For correcting the ship's barometers, either mercurial or Aneroid, for the height of the barometer cistern above the tide level in the stream at 8-45 a.m. (Standard Time), the ship's barometers reading should be increased by ·010 inch for every 10 feet of this height to make it comparable with the observatory barometer reading above.

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MARKET REPORT.

BOMBAY MARKETS.

MONDAY EVENING.] Dec. 29th 1913.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Importers.
	Rs.		
187 Bars Silver	375,000	London	Mercantile Bank
115 Bars Silver	2,25,000	do	Eastern Bank
144 Bars Silver	3,00,000	do	Hongkong Bank

EXPORT OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY BY RAIL on 26th Dec. 1913.

By	Bars.	Ounces.
G. I. P. Railway.....	36	41,502
B. B. and C. I. Ry ..	24	28,080

FINANCIAL

MONEY :—

Bank of Bom. rate since 13th Nov. 7 p.c.
Bank of Bom. ,, ,, 31st Oct. 5 ,,
Bank of Mad. ,, ,, 1st Oct. 6 ,,

The cash balance of the Bank of Bombay is 84 1-2 lakhs down.

EXCHANGE :—

The market opened firm and unchanged, and a moderate business has been done during the day.

We quote—

T. T. on London Ready ...1s 4 1-16d
Demand draft Mail ...1s 4 3-32d
Credit 3 months sight ...1s. 4 3-8d.
Do. Forward ...1-4 9-32 Apl.
Do. France Ready.172
Do. Marks ,, ...139 3-4
Hongkong 60 day's sight ...141 3-4
Shanghai ,, ...191 1-4
Japan ,, ...147 3-4

GOVERNMENT PAPER :—

The market opened at 95 5-8 for cash and 95 9-16 for the near settlement and closes unchanged.

We quote—

Cash ...Rs. 95 10 0
1st Settlement ...Rs. 95 9 0
2nd Settlement ...Rs. 95 8 0

BULLION :—

There was no change in London in bar silver. The rate for ready and forward was 25 11-16. The local market opened at 68 1-8 ex duty for the first settlement and closes unchanged.

We quote—:

English Bar Gold	...	Rs.	24 0 6
Australian Gold	...	,,	24 0 0
Sovereigns Gold	...	,,	15 0 0
Silver (ex duty)			
Ready	...	,,	68 6 0
1st Settlement	...	,,	68 2 0
2nd Settlement	...	,,	67 8 0
Silver (cum duty)			
Ready	...	,,	77 12 0
1st Settlement	...	,,	77 8 0
2nd Settlement	...	,,	76 14 0

COTTON.

MARKET REPORT :—

The following are the latest telegrams to hand:—

WELD AND Co. New York:—"Market very steady. Little for sale. Wall street shorts and local shorts covering."

HORNBY HEMELRYK:—"The financial outlook being much better in consequence of the passing of the Currency Bill better feeling all round in Wall Street and generally."

PRINCE AND Co:—"Think we shall be higher for the time being."

WATSTERS AND Co:—"The general opinion is that the next Ginners Report is expected to be slightly bullish."

Saturday New York closed 14 to 15 points higher, and New Orleans 9 points higher. The tone of both markets was better and shorts were covering. The Liverpool market opens to-day.

The local market opened firm the rate for good Broach being Rs. 302 1-2. Fluctuations have occurred during the day, Broach having declined to Rs. 297 and recovered later on to Rs. 300 at which rate the market closes irregular. A moderate business has been done.

For ready cotton there is a moderate demand at better prices.

QUOTATIONS:—

NEW CROP.

		Rs.	
Fine M. G. Broach	...	310	Mar.
Good do do	...	300	,,
Fine M. G. Wardha Hinganghat	...	290	Jan.
Fine M. G. Nagpur	...	286	,,
,, ,, Yeotmal	...	279	,,
,, ,, Dhamangaon F.		273	,,
,, ,, Khamgaon Akola		261-2	,,
,, ,, Amraoti	...	265	,,
,, ,, Khandeish	...	237	,,
F. G. ,, Khandeish	...	227	,,
Fine ,, Muthia	...	235	,,
,, do	...	221-2	Jan.
F. G. Bengal	...	217	,,

LIVERPOOL OPENER :—

Opening Tone ... Steady
Estimated Sales ... 10,000
Total Imports ... 52,000

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES :—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
6·74 +07	6·76 +07	6·79 +07
March-April	**April-May**	**May-June**
6·81 +07	6·81 +07	6·80 +07
June-July	**July-Aug.**	**Aug.-Sept.**
6·78 +07	6·75 +07	6·65 +07

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED :—

The market is quiet but steady. We quote:—
Ready ... Rs. 7 15 0 B. T.
Apl-May ... ,, 9 1 6 R. T.

RAPESEED :—

The market is quiet. We quote :—
Brown Delhi May Rs. 9 1 0 R.T.
Brown Cawnpore ,, 7 12 0 B.T.
Yellow Cawnpore ,, 9 0 0 B.T.

GINGELLYSEED :—

Tone—Steady. We quote :—
Bold White 85p.c. Rs. 59 0 0
Black Kutni ...Rs. 48 8 0
Y. Hingenghat ...Rs. 61 8 0

POPPYSEED :—

Tone—Dull. We quote :—
Ready ... Rs. 10 9 0 B.T.

CASTORSEED :—

Tone—Steady. We quote :—
Ready ... Rs. 24 8 0

COTTONSEED :—

Tone—Quiet. We quote :—
Ready ... Rs. 24 0 0

GROUNDNUTS :—

Tone—Steady. We quote :—
New Crop Sold Rs. 48 0 0
,, Small Rs. 47 0 0

MOWRASHED—

Tone—Quiet. We quote :—
Ready ... Rs. 8 2 0 B.T.

WHEAT :—

The market is Steady. We quote:—
White Pissi 35 o.c ready Rs. 5 5 0 B.T.
White Delhi ay 1914 5 18 3 B.T.

SHARES.

BANKS.

Bank of Bombay	...	1,590
Bank of India	...	63 1-2
Eastern Bank	...	73

MILLS.

David	...	435
Manockji Petit	...	1,975
Kohinoor	...	715
New Great Eastern	...	212 1-2
Standard	...	1,180
Central India	...	1835

PRESSES

New Mofasil	...	770 x d

MISCELLANEOUS.

Shivrajpur M Syndicate	...	21
Bombay E. S. & T. C. Ord	...	205
Bombay E. S. & T. C. Pre	...	172
Bombay S N Ord	..	220
Treacher and Co	...	400

RAILWAY.

Tapti Valley	...	590
Sara Sirajganj Ry	...	26
Mandra-Bhon y	...	26
Gusrat Ry	...	108
Ahmedabad-Prantej Ry	...	665

DAY'S RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of produce into Bombay, during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. yesterday :—

Cotton	...	20,676	bales.
Wheat	...	2,905	cwts.
Linseed	...	2,995	,,
Rapeseed	...	nil	,,
Gingellyseed	...	13,641	,,
Poppyseed	...	nil	,,
Groundnuts	...	14,623	,,
Castorseed	...	4,650	,,
Rice	...	15,851	,,
Myrabolams	...	3,346	,,
Cottonseed	...	13,254	,,
Mowrassed	...	124	,,
Gram	...	4,542	,,
Jowar	...	5,227	,,
Maize	...	nil	,,
Barley	...	415	,,

GRIFFITHS' COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

		Bales.
Day's Receipts at U. S. Ports.		44,000 ,,
Exports to Great Britain	...	3,000 ,,
Exports to Continent	...	23,000 ,,
Spot Cotton at New York	...	12·60
Future Cotton at New York March	...	12·34+15
Future Cotton at New York May	...	12·29+14
Spot closing tone	...	Steady
Futures closing tone	...	do.

General Tone market opened :—Steady and advanced on improved Financial condition and good demand.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.

Spot Cotton at New Orleans		12 11-16
Future Cotton at New Orleans—March	...	12·65+22
Future Cotton at New Orleans—May	...	12·79+22
Futures closing tone.—	...	Steady

LONDON, Dec. 27.

SEEDS.

Linseed, 4 p. c. Refraction, Landed Terms (per 410 lbs)...Dec.-Jan.— Ldn	47 3	Sellers ,,
Do. Bombay exship (per 416lbs) .....Dec.-Jan.—Antwerp ...	48 3	,,
Do. La Plata ...Dec.-Jan —Hamburg ...	44 3	,,
Do. Tone of Market at close... Steady.		
Do. Tendency of the Market— do		
Linseed Oil Spot Pipes...Dec.— do ... Feb.-Mar—	£25-0-0 £25-0-0	
Do. Tone of Market at close. Quiet		
Do. total afloat for U. K. ...	...	
Do. River Plate exports ...	...	
Poppyseed Canal ...Dec.-Jan. —Antwerp...	63	Sellers ,,
Do. Tone of Market at close. Quiet		
Rapeseed Calcutta Brown Canal Dec.-Jan.—Antwerp	48	,,
Do. Yellow Cawnpore, per 416 lbs 85 p.c. exship Dec.-Jan—Antwerp ...	54 3	,,
Do. Yellow Gazerat, per 416 lbs. 85 p. c. exship Dec.-Jan—Antwerp ...	54 6	,,
Do. Ferospore usual bold	.....	
Do. Jambo Red—	.....	
Do. Tone of Market at close,—	Steady	
Cotton Seed. Bombay parcels. Dec.-Jan—Hull ..	£6-11-0	
Cotton Tone of Market at Close—	Quiet	

LONDON, Dec. 27.

WHEAT.

Wheat, Choice white Karachi Dec.-Jan—London—	37 6	
Wheat. F. A. Q. Red Karachi (per 492 lbs.)... Dec-Jan London—	Nominal	
Wheat, Club No. 2... Dec-Jan London—	do	
Wheat. Choice white Delhi... Nov.-Dec—London—	do	
Do. Tone of market at close.	Steady	
Do. South Australian Jan-Feb	36	
Do. Rosario Santa Fe 62 lbs Jan.-Feb.	No sellers	
Do. do Tone of Market at close	.....	
Do. Red Graded American per cental— March...	7 3	

LONDON, Dec. 27.

METALS.

Copper, Standard G M B	...£34 10	0
,, Best English Selected.	£67 5	0
,, Brazier's ...	...£79 0	0
,, Tone of Market	... Steady	
Hard Spelter ...	...£18 0	0
Tin Block F O B Liverpool	£173 0	0
Yellow Metal ...	... 6 7-8	
Galvd. Corrugated Sheets, 24 G., G. O. B 1 p.c. F O B L'pool ...	... 11 5-0	
Basic Steel Bars, C. I. F. Calcutta ...	5 7	6
Basic Steel Rods, C. I. F. Calcutta ...	5 17	6
Basic Steel Hoops, C. I. F. Calcutta ...	6 6	3
German Steel Sheets, F. O. B. Antwerp ...	6 0	0
German Steel Plates, F. O. B. Antwerp ...	5 2	6
Belgium Iron Bar, No. 2 F. O. B. Antwerp ...	4 12	6
Tin Plates, I. C. Coke 14 by 20 112 Sheets in box O. I. F. Liverpool ...	0 14	6
Pig Iron No. 3 Cleveland ...	2 10	0
,, ,, No. 3 Clarence F O B Middlesboro ...	2 12	0
,, ,, Gartsherrie ...	3 10	0
Basd Pig English ...	...18 5	0
Tone of Steel Market ...	Quiet.	
Silver, Spot	... 26 11-16	
Silver 2 months hence ...	... 25 11-16	
,, Tone of Market	Steady	

LONDON, Dec. 27.

FINANCIAL.

Silver Spot	... 26 11-16
Silver 2 Months	... 26 11-16
Silver Closing Tone of Market—Steady	
Silver Tendency, etc. of the Market	... ...
Rentes 3 p. c....ex. div...	£ 85 1-4
Consols 2 1-2 p.c. Ex Div ...	£ 72
Indian Stock 3 1-2 p. c....	£ 85 1-4
Sterling loan	£
Govt. Securities 3 p. c. ...	£ 74
Rupee Paper 3 1-2 o. c. ...	£ 63 7-8
Bar Gold per oz. Std ...	77·9
Opening Tone of Finance Market	... ..
Closing Tone of Finance Market	... ..
Bank of England Rate of Discount	5 p cent.
Exchange on India 30 Days Sight	1 3 7-8
London at Paris Fcs. ...	25·33
Berlin cheques on London Mks	20·49 1-2
New York (Demand Bills) dls	.....
Interest day to day loans	4 1-4
Do. 7 days Market loans	4 1-2
Discount Bank Bills 3 months Sight ...	4 13-16
Discount Bank Bills 6 months Sight ...	4 3-8
Fine Trade Bills 3 months	4 1-4
Fine Trade Bills 6 months	4 1-2

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.

OPENING COTTON.

Days Estimated Sales :	...10,000 bales
Tone of Market	...Steady.
Cotton Daily Mid Uplands G. O. C. Liverpool.	

Futures.	Latest closing	To-day's opening.
Dec.-Jan., ..	6·67	6·73
Jan.-Feb. ..	6·69	6·75
Feb.-Mar....	6·72	6·78
Mar.-Apl ...	6·74	6·80
April-May...	6·74	6·80
May-June...	6·73	6·79
June-July...	6·71	6·77
July-Aug ..	6·68	6·74
Aug.-Sept ..	6·58	6·64

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ended 27th Dec. 1913, as compared with the statement of 20th Dec. 1913 :—

Liabilities.	Dec. 20. Rs.	Dec. 27. Rs
Capital	10000000	10000000
Reserve Fund	10690000	10690000
Public Deposits at Head Office.....	20784369	20274223
Public Deposits at Branches.....		
Other Deposits	102193443	93865986
Post Bills	7667	7633
Sundries	3275528	3200228
	146886007	140048170
Assets.		
Govt. Securities	23029333	22811698
Other authorised Securities	559563	604644
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	18983849	20338964
Loans, on do. do....	33460131	33816536
Bills discounted and purchased	14783770	15471363
Deal Stock.....	238514	269818
Stamps.....	8162	8058
Bullion.....	980463	954480
Balances with other Banks	930123	956396
Sundries.....	463715	487512
Cash.....	53393384	44031459
Rupees.....	146886007	140048170

SUN, MOON AND TIDES AT BOMBAY.

The following are the hours and heights of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hours stated in Bombay Meantime ; Depth of water is at Prince's Dock sill.

HIGH WATER.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Bombay Mean Time.		Depth on sill.	
	December	h.	m.	ft.	in.
Tues ...	30 m	1	7	23	5
		0	52 a	25	11
Wed.....	31 m	1	40	28	10
		1	33 a	25	7
	January.				
Thurs ...	1 m	2	11	28	3
		2	14 a	25	2
Fri	2 m	2	41	27	7
		2	57 a	24	8
Sat	3 m	3	10	26	10
		3	45 a	24	2
Sun	4 m	3	40	26	2
		4	42 a	23	11

LOW WATER.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Bombay Mean Time.		Depth on sill.	
	December	h.	m.	ft.	in
Tues ...	30 m	7	12	18	11
		6	40 a	16	5
Wed.....	31 m	7	51	18	11
		7	12 a	17	3
	January.				
Thurs ...	1 m	8	29	18	11
		7	44 a	18	8
Fri	2 m	9	7	19	6
		8	19 a	19	3
Sat	3 m	9	47	19	2
		9	0 a	20	3
Sun	4 m	10	31	19	2
		9	52 a	21	2

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset according to Indian Standard Time during the ensuing week :—

Dec.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
30 (Tuesday)	do 7h. 11m.	do 6h. 11m.
31 (Wednesday)	do 7h. 11m.	do 6h. 12m.
Jan.		
1 (Thursday)	do 7h. 12m.	do 6h. 12m.
2 (Friday)	do 7h. 12m.	do 6h. 13m.
3 (Saturday)	do 7h. 13m.	do 6h. 13m.
4 (Sunday)	do 7h. 13m.	do 6h. 14m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—First Quarter, Jan. 4th, 6h. 39-1m. p.m ; Full moon, 12th, 10h. 39-0m. a.m. ; Perigee, 15th, 11-7h. p.m.; Last Quarter, 19th. 5h, 59-8m. a.m.; New Moon 26th, 0h. 4-1m. p.m.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentry and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other cases. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

THE FOOD THAT SAVES BABIES' LIVES.

No mother in India needs reminding of the difficulties of artificially feeding her baby, or how often the food causes colic, indigestion, wind, vomiting or diarrhœa. These disorders may now be included in the list of those which are, happily, preventable, and the deaths which they cause can now, in large measure, be averted.

The method of achieving this result can be best described in the following words from *The Medical Times* : "By the simple process of adding Albulactin to properly diluted and sweetened cow's milk, a fluid is obtained which is, to all intents and purposes, identical with human milk and not to be distinguished from it in its effects."

Every mother knows that human milk is the best food for her baby. It stands to reason that the substance which makes cow's milk "to all intents and purposes identical with human milk" must be superior to any patent food which can be invented.

TITLED LADIES' STATEMENTS.

Albulactin, therefore, makes the bottle fed baby thrive as well as the breast-fed one. Its use is simplicity itself. It has merely to be mixed with each feed and the mother is assured in advance that the feed will be completely digested and will nourish her baby.

Thousands of mothers, including many titled ladies, have testified to this fact.

Lady Howard de Walden, the mother of the most noted twins in England, writes : "Albulactin suits the twins very well, and they are being fed on it."

"The Baroness de Wolff has used Albulactin for her little son since his birth. He is now two months' old and weighs 16 lbs. The Baroness will willingly recommend Albulactin to any of her friends."

"Lady Greville begs to inform Messrs. Wulfing & Co. that Albulactin is being used for her baby with great success."

Lady Hardinge, the wife of the British Minister to Spain, writes : "My nurse used Albulactin, and said it was most successful."

Even when children have been made ill with other food, Albulactin is digested so easily, and nourishes them so thoroughly, that they become rapidly well.

A PHYSICIAN'S STRIKING REPORT.

The physician to the Station Hospital, Cannanore, describes "a child, aged three and a-half years, who had been suffering from an obstinate diarrhœa, was emaciated to a mere skeleton, unable to stand, with small, feeble, hardly, perceptible pulse. Death was apparent to the parents when the child was brought to me. I immediately put the child on Albulactin. After three days, the child improved fifty per cent. in appearance ; the pulse was full and fairly strong ; the loose, offensive, slimy motions had given way to firm, soft, healthy motions. This was the effect of Albulactin alone, *with no medical help of any kind.*"

Albulactin, indeed, is the password to health for their babies, which all mothers know who have used it once. No greater tribute to it is possible than the way in which it is prescribed by doctors everywhere. To give the baby its best chance, the mother should not wait until other foods have disagreed with the little one, but should use Albulactin in the very first bottle the baby takes.

A. Wulfing & Co., Box 226, G.P.O., Bombay, will send a beautifully-produced pamphlet, relating to the baby in health and illness, to all who write for it to the above address, mentioning this paper.

Albulactin can be obtained of all Chemists and Bazaars in bottle of two sizes.

CARBONS FOR SEARCH-LIGHTS.

In most searchlights the rays come from the positive crater, and the important point is to have a steady arc. This is about satisfied by the use of a negative carbon of small diameter, but with large apparatus using heavy currents, the small carbon soon becomes red for quite a length and burns up quickly. Should the small carbon be inclosed in a tube, this will cast an objectionable shadow. German constructors reduce the wear of the negative carbon by placing it in gas or vapor containing no oxygen and which takes off the heat. Again, lengthwise or cross grooves in the carbon increase its radiating surface. By using a core in the carbon, of a refractory material, the carbon consumes faster than the core and this produces a fine point. A good method is to use a current of coal gas escaping from a pipe, and this gas can even be lighted without harm. Solids or liquids, such as naphthaline or petroleum, can also be vaporized by the heat of the arc.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEERS.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

Regimental Orders By The Hon. Colonel R. W. L. Dunlop, C. I. E., V. D., Commanding.

Bombay, December 30th, 1913.

1423. Machine Gun.—The Machine Gun Parade, for "A" and "G" Coys. for to-day Tuesday the 30th instant is cancelled.

1424. Musketry.—The Range at Ghat Kopar is allotted to "G" Company Recruits on Saturday afternoon the 3rd January for Table A.

Trains leave Victoria Terminus at 1-35 p.m. and 2-50 p.m.

1425. Proficiency Class.—A Proficiency Class will be held on Monday the 5th January 1914 at 7 p.m. at Head-Quarters, Council Road.

1426. Camp of Instruction.—It is notified for information that the Annual Training Camp will be held at Santa Cruz, from 31st January to 7th February 1914.

1427. Roll Books.—All Company Parade Roll Books to be returned to Head-Quarters immediately.

(Sd.) B. E. A. ELLIOTT, Lieut.
Offg. Adjutant, B.V.R.

NOTICE.

A Boxing Tournament will take place on the Cooperage on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of January 1914. A Cup will be given for the Volunteer Championship of Bombay. Entries close on 1st January 1914. Programme can be seen at Head-Quarters.

BOMBAY STOCK AND SHARE LIST.

BANKS.

NAMES.	Paid up Capital, Ordinary. Rs.	Reserve and other Funds. Rs.	Rest. Rs	Paid up per Share. Rs.	Market Quotations. Rs.	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913 half year.
Bank of Bengal	2,00,00,000	1,88,00,000	5,19,619	500	1 645	14	14	14	14	
Bank of Bombay	1,00,00,000	1,06,00,000	6,07,488	500	1,580	13	13	13	13	
Bank of Madras	75,00,000	78,00,000	2,90,574	500	1,450x	12	12	12	12	
Bank of Rangoon	16,00,000	3,66,000	50,223	100	90	6	6	4½	4½	2½d
Bank of India	50,00,000k	5,00,000	2,08,355	50	62½	6	6	6	6	3
Allahabad Bank L'	25,00,000h	36 00,000	1,22,000	100	356x	18	18	18	18	9
Alliance Bank	20,00,000	30,00,000	84,599	100	263	14	14	14	14	14b
Chartered of India	£1,200,0 0k	£1,700,000	£ 32,569	£20	£5+	15	15	15	15	...
Delhi and London	£33 ,625	£14,000	£4,841	£25	270	4	4	4	4	...
Eastern Bank	£100,000	£15,000	£7,993	£4	73	...	...	4	4	...
HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	dl 15,000,000k	$32,450,000	$2 05),000	$125	$30	34	34	34	34	16
Indian Specie Bank	75,00,000k	15,00,000	5,88,125	50	26	6	7	7	8	3½
Lahore Bank	1,11,125	42,000	6,000	35	25	7½		8	8	...
Mercantile of India	£187,500A / £375,000B k	£415,000	£30,105	£21½ / £21½	£21½ / £21½	6	7	7	8	...
National Bank of India	£1,000,000k	£1,000,000	£64,008	£12	61	19	37½	12	14	...
Punjab National	9,88,153	10,00,000	30,000	100	170	1	10	10	11	11

a—First half-year.
b—Year ended 30th June.
c—Ad-interim.
d—Half-year ended 31st May, 1913.
e—Declares dividend yearly.
h—Half Preference, half Ordinary Capital.
k—There is a reserve liability equal to the amount paid up on these shares.
n—Liability of Rs. 20 per share.
y—Yearly audit.
* Nominal quotations.
† Bonus shares issued.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad Prantej Railway	...	...	February-July.	6¼	665
Amritsar Patty ...	...	...	March-August.	p.c.	135
Central Provinces Railway Rs. 75	...	...	January-July.	4	115
Dhond Baramati Rs. 80	...	...	.....	4 p.c.	19
Gusrat Railways Rs. 100 ...	...	...	.....	4	109
Sind Light Railways Limited	...	...	June-December.	7	141
Tapti Valley Railway Co. ...	...	...	April-August.	7½	590
Ahmedabad Dholka Railway	...	...	February-August.	5½ p.c.	127

Name of Company.	Issued Capital.	Number of Shares.	Nominal value	Paid up	Present price
Sara-Sirajganj Ry. Co. Ld...	80 lacs	80,000	100	25	27
Mandra-Bhon Ry. Co. Ld...	27½ lacs	27,500	100	25	26

BOMBAY COTTON MILLS.—(Companies marked P. have Preference Shares.)

NAMES.	Secretaries, Managers and Agents.	Paid up Capital Ordinary.	Debentures.	Reserve Funds, &c.	Block Account. 31-12-12.	Paid-up per Share.	Market quotation.	Profit and Loss carried forward. 31-12-12	Dividends p. c. per year. 1908 1909	1909 1910	1910 1911	1911 1912	1912 1913
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
Ahmedabad mining and Weavin Co.	Runchorelal Chotalal and Co	9,81,000	...	2,25,945	...	500	730	140	62-5	53-5	51-5	4	n
Bombay Flour Mill Co, Ld.	Volkart Brothers	3,50,000	...	13,61,127	...	500	910xd	6,531	100	40	50	60	...
Bellary Press Co. Ld ...	Kothari Sutanji and Co.	45,925	...	31,200	1,03,000	275	200	—204	...	..	15ps	...	...
Century S. & M. Co. Ld.	C. N. Wadia & Co.	18,50,000	...	36,79,404	67,19,225	100	220	39,282	8	3	3	18	...
Colaba Land and Mill Co. Ld.	Messrs. Bradbury & Co.	28,00,000	...	18,61,030	47,27,875-14-5	700	1,380	3,313-4-8	11½	11½	11½	11½	...
Crown Spinning and Mfg. Ld.	Purshotam Vithaldas and Co	2,00,000a	...	1,69,133-9-7	...	500	250	8213-15-8	...	...	...	6	...
Central India S. W. & M. Co. Ld.	Tata Sons and Co.	95,87,500	...	50,91,039	...	500 / 250	1,380	43,286	105	115	105	135	...
Crescent Mill Co. Ld...	Currimbhoy Ebrahim and Co.	15,00,000	...	1,30,000	28,57,512	100	197½	4,531	4	...	...	9	...
Connaught Mills Co. Ld	Greaves Cotton and Co.	4,93,200	...	6,17,993	...	300	170	1,23,779	...	...	...	...	...
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills Co Ld	James Mackintosh and Co.	3,46,200	...	46,184b	5,10,092	200	100	...	...	...	3½	4	...
Empress Spg. and Wg. Co. Ld	Greaves Cotton and Co.	14,51,750	10,00,000	13,39,462	...	500	140	3,23,527	...	...	...	—	...
Emperor Edward Spg. & Mfg. Co. Ltd.	B. D. Petit Sons and Co.	15,00,000	...	1,25,000 & 2,13,000	...	500	415	62,516	11	5	2	8	...
Fazulbhoy Mills Ld ...	Currimbhoy Ebrahim and Co	18,00,000	12,00,000	4,96,000	...	250	495	3772-15-2	10ps	10ps	15ps	59ps 12ps	...
Gold Mohur Mills ...	Tullokchand and Shapoorji.	7,64,000	6,00,000		5,24,207 11-1 m	500	430	5,745-14-3	30ps	...	...	60ps	...
Howard and Bullough Mills Co. Ld.	Greaves Cotton and Co.	7,46,250	...	12,15,005	...	500	400	13,706	6	...	3	5	...
Imperial Cotton Mills Co. Ld.	Greaves Cotton and Co.	6,80,000	...	5,51,714	...	500	105	1,83,815 Loss	...	...	...	...	...
Jubilee Mfg. Co. Ld ...	Readymoney Jeejeebhoy and Co	8,43,000	...	72,894	...	1,000	200	74,043	...	...	...	...	...
James Greaves Mills Co. Ld.	Greaves Cotton and Co.	6,60,000	...	8,21,505	...	500	100	1,13,222	...	...	...	...	...
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SPORTING NEWS.

SECOND TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND'S BIG SCORE FOR TWO WICKETS.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 27.

The test match was resumed in beautiful weather. England made 317 runs for two wickets. Relf contributed 63, and Rhodes and Mead, unfinished, 143 and 73 respectively.—Reuter.

"AMERICA" CUP DEFENDER.

EXTRAORDINARY HITCH IN BUILDING.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

An extraordinary hitch has occurred in the construction of the American yacht to defend the America Cup next year. Different designs have got mixed up, and large quantities of materials ordered according to specifications are useless and have had to be scrapped.—Reuter.

BOXING.

ANOTHER FRENCH CHAMPION.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The Frenchman Ledoux defeated the Welshman, Billy Beynon, the latter giving up in the seventh round. The match was for the bantam-weight championship of Europe at Cardiff.—Reuter.

[According to arrangements made in mail week, Georges Carpentier was to have acted as second to Ledoux.]

BOXING AT BANGALORE.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

BANGALORE, Dec. 28

In the welter-weight boxing championship here last night, the holder, Connor, of the Loyal North Lancashires, Bangalore, defeated Cruddell of the 7th Fusiliers, Calcutta, in the fourth round easily, Cruddell standing up gamely in a losing fight throughout.

In the bantam-weight championship, Burns of the North Lancashires was defeated by Drummer Faviman of the Munster Fusiliers, Rangoon, giving up after three rounds.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF INDIA.

EASY WIN FOR WHIGHAM.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

The finals in the Amateur Golf Tournament here to-day resulted in an easy win for Capt. Whigham, who beat Lieut. Pitt-Tucker, eleven up and ten to play. The game started this morning when eighteen holes were played, Whigham going right away from the begining, and finishing ten up.

On resuming this afternoon for the remaining eighteen holes, Pitt-Tucker, made a good effort, but Whigham winning the eighteenth hole, became eleven up and thus won with ten to play. The match was followed throughout by a large crowd.

POLO CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

TRAVELLERS EASILY BEATEN BY VICEROY'S STAFF.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.

In the final of the Polo Championship this afternoon, the Viceroy's Staff beat the Travellers by 8 goals to 4. The Viceroy's Staff scored two goals in the first and eighth chukkers and a goal early in second, third, fourth and seventh chukkers. The Travellers scored one goal in the second and eighth chukkers and two in the sixth chukker.

The Viceroy's Staff got away and scored in the first two minutes and again almost immediately after. After the restart they had bad luck in not scoring again at the end of the chukker. After this the game went very evenly though the Travellers were somewhat unfortunate in not scoring on several occasions. The Viceroy's Staff never really looked like losing the lead which they had taken from the start.

The game at no time aroused any enthusiasm among the gathering of spectators.

CRICKET IN CALCUTTA.

COLOMBO BEAT BALLYGUNGE.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.

Colombo scored an easy win over Ballygunge yesterday, the latter being dismissed for 118 runs in the second innings in two and a quarter hours, play ending at a quarter past one with a victory for Colombo by an innings and 60 runs.

A. T. Woods did not play owing to injuries.

RANGOON BEATEN BY CALCUTTA.

Calcutta defeated Rangoon to-day by an innings and 27 runs. Rangoon had made 130 for five wickets on the first day, and opened badly their innings concluding for 194 of which G. D. Forrester, with 51, was top scorer Muir took four wickets for 51 runs.

Rangoon followed on and Forrester retired with only five. Garnett and Harper were the only players who made any show, the former being bowled at 32 and the latter carrying his bat for 59. Eddies who had scored a duck in the first innings put up eighteen in the second when he was caught off Curtis Hayward by Caster. Muir took 3 wickets for 30 runs and the innings closed for 144, the total for the two innings being 338 against Calcutta 365 for four wickets.

RANGOON vs. COLOMBO.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.

In the match between Rangoon and Colombo to-day, Rangoon went in first and scored 174 in the first innings, the highest score being Harper with 42.

Colombo then batted and made 249, Fawcett contributing 114. Williams bowled extremely well for Rangoon.

The match will be resumed to-morrow.

BOMBAY RACES.

NEXT SATURDAY MEETING.

THE JANUARY PLATE.—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Mr. Welman's b e g North.
Genl, Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's b e m Molly S.
Genl. Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's br e m Seigneurie.
Mr A W Essa's b e m Slykiss by Roquelauresslut D'Amaur.
L K Kapadia's ch e m Lady Douglas.
Messrs M Goculdas.
P Mathuradass' b and g Master Delaval.
H H Jam Saheb's br and h Starborn.
H H Jam Saheb's ch e m Lady R.
Mr Kelso's b e g Lord Robert.
D Blythe's b and g Berroll.
Capt H Meynell's b e g Silver Memory.

AN ARAB SELLING PLAT.—Distance about 7 Furlongs.

Genl Nawabzada Obaidulla, Khan's g a h Yanasib,
Mr Ali bin Talib's, b a h Real 149.
Messrs M Goculdass, A Naujee's l a h Shawutt.
Messrs and P Mathuradass' ch a h Habashir.
Messrs and P Mathurdass' b a h Ghalib 13-33-4.
Mr A A Rahman's b a h Yungi Dunya.
Mr N Begmahomed's b a h Mysore.
Mr Haji Mahmood Mahomed's b a h Mootawuz.
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Langford.
Mr Salim Abdul Rehman a b a h Farash
Mr A R Dakeel's g a h Kokab.
Mr J R Raja's b a h Guinea Merchant.
Captain S S Hayne's g a h Sadil Malik.
Mr Naji Syed Rashid's b a h Golden Ducat.
Mr M H Maney's g a h Moo-a-fij.
Mr K B Sorabjee's b a h Alwar.

THE ELEPHANTA PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Nawab Najaf Ali Khan's g a h Ben Hur.
Nawab Najaf Ali Khan's b a h Anaz.
Nawab Najaf Ali Khan's b a h Fareed Beg.
Mr A S Oomer's b a h Winning Post.
Genl Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's ch a h Ruby Fish.
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Red Silk.
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Cyprus.
Mr Ali bin Talib's br a h Hercules,
Mr Ebrahim Hazemy's g a h Good Star.
Mr. Ebrahim Hazemy's g a h Timoor.
Mr Mahomed Mana's g a h Crescent.
Mr Ebrahim Mana's b a h Aromatic.
Mr Ebrahim Mana's g a h Crisis
Messrs M Goculdass and P Mathuradass' ch a h Brazil.
Messrs M Goculdas and P Mathuradass' ch a h Battle.
Messrs M Goculdas and P Mathuradass' ch a h Balkan Prince.
Mr Saleh Moosa's g a h Young Titus.
Mr T D Moore's g a h Blue Peter.
Mr Heath's ch a h Abundance.
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Khailan.
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Yama.
Mr Abdoola Faras' g a h Columbus.
Mr Essa Mulla Sulleman's g a h Sayel.
Mr Falah Khaderi's h a h Fideh Khan.
Mr Elia Abdoolnoor's b a h Vulcha.
Mr Esmail Jurgis' g a h Back Bay.
Messrs Ebrahim Kadum and Hoosain Kadum's g a h Rumezan.
Messrs Ebrahim Kadum and Hoosain Kadum's g a h Emigrant.
Mr Abood Baker's g a h Chaser.
Mr Nasir Rajmahomed's ch a h Present
Mr Khatab bin Amir's b a h Nainava.
Messrs Mahomed Esmail and Ebrahim Mana's ch a h Jemadar.
Mr A R Dakeel's g a h Saidan.
Messrs Sunik Cassum and S A Aziz's g a h Guldasta,
Mr F A Nanjee's g a h Navigator,
Mr G R Valimahomed's ch a h Red Eagle.
Mr M J Essa's g a h Decoration.

THE COORLA PLATE.—Distance 5 Furlongs.

Nawab Najaf Ali Khan' ch. a. h. Heliopolis.
Nawab Najaf Ali Rhan's g. a. h. Anaz
Mr Ebrahim Manas g a h Malabar.
H H Jam Saheb's g a h Biglig.
H H Jam Sahob's g a h Lucifer,
Mr E Nazareth's g a h Royalist.
Mr. Ebrahim Minu's ch a h Safi.
Mr, Shaik Esmails ch a h Jehangir Shah.
Messrs. S A Wahed and Aga Mirza Ahmeds' g a h Startler.
Messrs A R Dakeel and A A Mahomed's b a h Mulberry.
Messrs. M H Sharaballi and D S Mehta's g a h Old China.
Mr Toogood's ch a h Nasirabad.
Mr R J Barsiwalla's b a h Dhabemsee.
Mr Syed Rashid's h. a. h. Turkish spot,
Mr Syed Rashid's ch a h American Spot.
Mr Naser Abdoola's g a h Papa.
Mr K B Sorabjee's b a h Alwar.
Mr G H G Allis g a h President.
Mr. H R Badshah's g a h Pretender II.

THE VERAR PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Nawab Najaf Ali Khan's ch a h Master Bill.
Nawab Najaf Ali Khan's g a h Minerva
Mr A S Oomer's b a h Electric.
Mr. A S Oomer's g a h Zuheir.
Genl Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's b a h Bravo.
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Lookman.
Mr Ali bin Talib's g a h Zoolnokarr.
Messrs M Goculdass and P Mathuradass' b a h Baloz.
Messrs M Goculdass and P Mathuradass' ch a h Galiard.
Mr Abdoola Fara's b a h Malster.
Mr J R Raja's ch a h Guinea Mohur.
Mr D Framjee's bl a h young Majub.
Mr H Jamsetjee's ch a h Zinfandel.

The Bandra Plate.—Distance about 1 mile.

Genl. Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's ch a g Soomsam.
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Noor-ul-malik.
Mr Ali Bin Talib's ch a h Good Gold.
Mr Ali Bin Talib's ch a h France.
Ebrahim Bin Zaid's g a h Makbul.
Ebrahim Bin Zaid's g a h Fado.
Messrs M. Goculdass and A. Nanjee's c a h Shawcutt.
Messrs M Goculdass and P. Mathuradass' g ah Sweden.
Messrs M Goculdass P. Mathuradass c a h Mexico.
Messrs M Goculdas and P Mathuradass' g a h Bhatty Chief.
Mr Karsondass Govindjee's ch a h Best Chance.
Mr N Begmahomed's c a h Mysore.
Mr A A Rehman's b a h Yungi Dunya
Messrs A K Dakayel and
Abdul Aziz McKenzies g a h Grey Ghost II.
Mr S A Wahed's ch a h Seaman.
Aga Coochick Shah's ch a h Tulwar.
Mr Hasan Madar's b a h Mars.
Mr H J Mahomed's g a h Welcome.
A R Dakeel's g a h Kokab.
Mr J R Raja's b a h Guinea Merchant.
Mr A R Dakeel's ch a h Kamil.
Mr N Jehangir's b a h Moonif.
Mr Zaid bin Mahomed's ch a h Harry Johnson.
Mr Esmail Gussoo's b a h Ajmer.
Mr M H Sharaballi's b a h Naia.
Capt H Meynell's b a h Iron Chest.
Mr Naji Syed Rashid's b a h Golden Ducat.
Mr. J. Crawford's b a h Occident.

YACHTING IN BOMBAY.

A SPORTING MATCH.

Good winds have been prevalent all the Christmas holidays, and it was a matter of regret that no official races could be arranged for Saturday. This was mainly due to the paucity of entries, so many owners being either away cruising or attending some Christmas camp or other. However, a very sporting and interesting match was arranged between three of the crack tom-tits, and several of the other boats turned out to watch the race. The contestants were Mr. Hewett sailing Mavoureen, Mr. Taylor sailing Curlew, and Mr. Rich in his own Lady Bird. All started scratch, and the course was twice round the triangle formed by the Committee Vessel, Tucker Beacon, and North Karanja. A most excellent start was made at 3-10 p. m., Mavoureen being over a fraction of a second first. They had the strongest ebb of the season to contend with, and Lady Bird and Curlew wisely kept well in shore, with Mavoureen a little further out. A pretty luffing match was the only incident on this leg, and Lady Bird was leading when Tucker was passed for the first time. They were all very much of a muchness over to North Karanja, which was first rounded by Curlew who cut in with a bold effort. A fine beat to the Committee Vessel followed, and Mavoureen eventually getting a slight advantage led at the end of the first round by less than half a minute Lady Bird and Curlew were close behind with less than a minute separating all three. In the second round Mavoureen maintained her lead round both Tucker and North Karanja, and was only passed by Lady Bird on the beat home. The result was that Lady Bird finished one minute and twenty-one seconds ahead of Mavoureen, and three minutes and forty-five seconds ahead of Curlew. The result of this race clearly shows that Lady Bird has come to the front to stay, although of course it must be remembered that it is a great advantage to sail one's own boat. The winner will find it still more difficult to explain in future that the last two guns were merely obtained by pure unadulterated luck.

Eileen must have surely put up a speed record in running down to Dabhol and back in three days. She had all the wind she wanted, and once or twice a little to spare. We believe her effort for the Scovell Shield this year is to be to Cape Town and back.

The good ship Isca was seen leaving the Port of Bombay in fine feather, loaded to the gunwale with crew, and going such great guns that before she had got Prongs abeam she had pulled the stem clean out of her dinghy, and had to return to moorings to borrow another.

Chula and Trixie have gone hand in hand down to Rewanand, and will no doubt have stirring tales to tell when they come back.

On Christmas Day the owner of Curlew did, what must surely be, a record single-handed one-day cruise for a Tomtit, sailing round Kennery Island, and in addition towing a dinghy in which an Evenrude motor was installed. We notice Minx once more at her moorings, and are glad to welcome her in spite of her somewhat dishevelled state. Racing will be resumed as usual next Saturday.

BOMBAY HUNT.

TWO LONG RUNS.

It was not so cold on Sunday morning as it has been recently, when we met the Master at the Cross Roads, and it subsequently proved to be an excellent hunting morning. A field of 50 was out, including three ladies.

A move was made to Jackal Hill, off which it is comparatively easy to make a jack decamp, if there happens to be one. The pack took up a scent on the far side of the hill, and carrying along in silence for a bit parallel with the hill, did not give tongue until the jack had broken out across the front of the field towards Sahar. The pack tore over the melon ground in fine form and passing Sahar to the north made for Chackla. From this point onwards the run was identically the same as we had on Friday last.

Tying the field up for a while at the wire and pipe, and crossing the nullah bed, the jack headed for Marole, crossing the Andheri Road, and subsequently the Virar Road, all the while at a good pace, he came to the backwater which he crossed in the same place as on Friday. Some good going brought him to the pipe, and here again at a convenient crossing, and on into the Powai valley. The pack had all this time been pressing him all they knew, but as on Friday, for it is reasonable to suppose he was the same jack, he managed to get clean away. First trying Jack Simon's Hill, over which the pack pushed him but slowly, as the scent was not good, he left it for the slopes of the Powai Hill, and the pack making very slow progress through the thick going were called off, so again he had the best of them. Fully satisfied with the run, we followed the Master back for another draw, as the pack were looking as fresh as ever.

Coming back to the Andheri Road, the pack caught the line of a jack near Sahar, and a strong one too he turned out to be. Making for the hills he passed Chackla to the south, and on to the Bapmullah over some good going, he crossed the backwater and on across the Vihar Road. For a little way the going was good but further on, although on the flat, the grass was very thick and over three feet high. Through this he made his way to the entrance to the Horse Shoe Valley, and taking the usual left turn up the higher hill, kept on mounting until at the gap he crossed over to the Powai Valley side. Descending the hill gradually, with the pack hunting well behind him, he ran along the base of the hills under the trees, where the going was excellent but taking advantage of a small rocky hill on the left, he gained some ground on the pack. Over this and he was in the Powai Valley up which the pack followed him as best they could, but had to be called off almost in the same place as in the former run.

These jacks seemingly know that safety lies in this Valley and the Mango Tope, and the country between is still too dense in places for the pack to have a real chance of pressing their jack. If the jack gets to either of these places at all fresh, the pack's chances of blood are thin.

It is unfortunate for the pack that there was no kill on Sunday, for they deserved it after two such runs; but we were not sorry to see the jacks get away after the sport they gave.

The next meet will be at Chackla on Tuesday.

N. H.

CHRISTMAS SPORTS.

G. I. P. INSTITUTE.

The annual sports of the G. I. P. Railway Mechanics Institute, were held yesterday on the Byculla Educational Society's School ground, whom Mr. Sarjant, the Loco Superintendent presided and Miss Sarjant distributed the prizes.

The programme consisted of flat and bicycle races. In the 100 yards flat race boys under fourteen years of age competed. The prizes consisted of silver cups and money.

At night the members of the Institute and their friends attended a dance on the tennis courts when the Harwood League Cup, which was own by the G. I. P. Railway team, was on view.

THE CATHOLIC GYMKHANA.

A successful athletic competition was held on Saturday evening on the grounds of the Catholic Gymkhana, at Kennedy Sea Face, Churni-road. The grounds were beautifully decorated with flags, and in the centre of the ground was a beautiful Christmas tree, heavily laden with presents. A very large number of ladies, gentlemen and children gathered to witness the sports, and the numerous events—both for children and grown-ups—were keenly competed for. The Derby Race, for which there were many entries, was quite interesting, and created very great interest, but the one-mile race had to be changed, reduced to three laps.

The musical chair competition was another interesting item and created much merriment, being eventually won by a boy named Burn, who appeared as a clown and amused the spectators.

Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent, and after the sports were over, Mr. Ferrers, District Magistrate, Ratnagiri, in the absence of the Archbishop of Bombay, distributed the prizes, while Mr. D'Quadros spoke a few words thanking the members of the committee, who were as follows :—Mr. Anthony Mendoza (President), Messrs. A. F. Theodore and Vincent D'Souza (joint hon. secretaries), Mr. S. G. Saldanha (treasurer) and Messrs. L. Braganza, A. D'Mello, A. M. D'Cruz, Patrick Braganza, A. Lobo, H. Cordeiro and Louis D'Mello. The starters were Messrs. A. F. Theodore, M. F. Delaney and J. P. D'Cruz; and the judges, Messrs. Frank Oliveira, Dr. Alban D'Souza, Mr. Fred. Smith and Mr. Peter Dyer.

WINNERS.

Appended is a list of the winners:—
Bicycle Race.—S M. D'Souza, C. Vaz.
Candle Race (Ladies)—Miss Rosy Rodrigues and Jessy Fernandes.
Derby Race.—Herbert Powell and Miss Gomes.
Three Laps' Race,—Herbert Powell.

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THE NEW YEAR.

THERE is something very arbitrary and unconvincing about most of the immovable feasts at Home; when the calendar announces "Spring begins," or "Midsummer Day," one knows very well that a premature hunt for primroses, or the expectation of seeing some especial manifestation of summer glory, will end only in disappointment. The English climate does not allow itself to be dictated to, and when New Year's Day dawns, is at pains to provide conditions which are absolutely free from all suspicion of newness, and are nothing but the old fog, old rain, old sleet, old cold, by which the bygone year's unregenerate end was disgraced. Instead, however, of waxing sarcastic at the expense of those who originally ordained that the New Year should commence in mid-winter, when one day resembles another with unvarying monotony, let us indulge in a little virtuous condemnation of the pre-Christian Romans, from whom we have borrowed most of the rites of this feast. The ancient Romans were not overvirtuous people, they did not go through the form of making any of those good resolutions which we consider proper to the occasion; they ushered in the New Year with a three days' orgy, the "Kalends" being a very special brand of the ordinary saturnalia. Gifts of money were exchanged with the somewhat bibulous generosity induced by frequent drinking of the Emperor's health; these *strenae* survive in the *etrennes* of modern France, and in the present of money, which, in some districts in the Highlands, the canny Scot expects each guest to bring with him to the New Year's dinner. The Early Church, as was only natural, viewed the Kalends with grave disapproval, and endeavoured to turn the feast into a fast, as more suitable to the solemn inauguration of a New Year. The converts gave way to a certain extent, but pleading that the Birthday of Christ was a legitimate occasion for rejoicing, they shifted the Kalends back to Christmas-time, dining and wining a little less freely than before, but fully as cheerfully. The New Year's feast proper takes place, of course, upon the thirty-first of December, upon Hogmanay, as it is styled in Scotland. The sentiment of "*Le roi est mort, vive le roi*" is toasted until midnight strikes, and the newcomer is rung in with clamorous bells. In olden times, custom permitted young men who cared to open the door to anyone who knocked after midnight to claim a kiss from visitors of the feminine gender. Elderly aunts and grandmothers were consequently much in demand amongst practical jokers at this time, and unsuspecting and ancient female relatives were sent on idle errands to the dining-room in order that the flow of merriment might be stimulated and the ball kept rolling. Less one-sided, but not less boisterous, was the hilarity which in former days attended the presentation of New Year's gifts, which were often of a humorous character. Mock ceremonial of an elaborate kind was practised and much jesting and noise accompanied the rites; valuable presents were obligatory amongst the richer classes, and it is on record that an English King, Henry III, did not scruple to specify in good time the exact amount and nature of the offerings he expected, a royal hint which caused some dismay amongst the thrifty courtiers. Queen Elizabeth also gladly received New Year's gifts from all and sundry; the ladies-in-waiting gave her new gowns and underlinen, and various tradespeople contributed large assortments of the wares they dealt in. Probably in due time the habit of giving presents at the New Year was found to be too expensive, the festival occurring as it does within a week of Christmas, when custom ordains a lavish outlay. At any rate, few countries still preserve the custom, though the *Jour d'etrennes* and the *Sylvesterabend* still provide generous folk, in France and in Germany with an excuse for bestowing gifts and charity. English people are apt to let the first of January come and go with no further notice than a casual greeting or so, feeling that any sort of celebration would be but an anticlimax after the jubilations of the foregoing week. This is perhaps carrying too far our national economy of sentiment, for every beginning is an affair of importance, an occasion for the building of plans, and the utterance of good wishes to friends and neighbours. When the portentous figure stares at us from our new calendars, the realization of all that it may mean—this inauguration of another chapter in our life's history—may help us to infuse a little real sincerity into the stereotyped phrases, and to add perhaps some wish such as that which is embodied in the Breton salutation—"May you have a good year, and Paradise at the end of your days."

THE RAILWAYS AND THE COAL PROBLEM.

IN view of the rapidly increasing consumption of fuel on the Indian railways and the rising price of coal, the recently formed Coal Department of the Railway Board is a very important institution. During its first year's work it has made a beginning of an investigation into various problems which are of grave concern to the railway administrations, but it must extend its activity very largely yet before it will perform efficiently the task which is expected from it. In the early months of its existence it has concerned itself with means of obtaining standardised sizes of coal, and other subjects, such as the percentages of small coal and dust, have been under consideration. The improvement of the coking industry, by the investigation of the best methods to be adopted with the somewhat difficult Indian coal is another matter which calls for attention, but probably the most important of the tasks which in the immediate future lie before the Department is the selection of the most suitable coals and the determining of the best methods of treatment to be adopted by the fireman in order that the best results may be produced. At present the difficult problems of fuel wastage are left to the district officers to solve individually, and they have too many routine duties to perform and too many matters to deal with which require immediate and constant attention to be able to study such questions adequately. Above all there is no co-ordination. Each man is working separately and obtains no assistance from conclusions which have been reached by his colleagues. One of the tasks, therefore, which await the Department and which should be taken up at the earliest possible moment is the organisation and supervision of work of this kind. With not only the quantity of coal which the railways require but the price of it constantly increasing it is evident that the effective conclusion of such an investigation would result in the saving of much money.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. "Salsette," with the outward mails of the 19th instant, left Aden at 5 a.m. yesterday and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 6 a.m. on Friday next.

The Bombay mails of the 13th inst arrived at Brindisi on the evening of the 24th inst.

THE Financial Commissioner, Burma, has been appointed Inspector-General of Registration, under the Registration Act, 1908.

Notes of the Day.

The Tango craze has apparently left India cold, though in its appeal to dancing enthusiasts it has travelled far. Perhaps the most noticeable result so far is the ban which has been placed upon it in Court circles. At Home the Queen has emphatically expressed her opinion as to the unsuitability of the Tango for the ballroom; the dance has been banned by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Viceregal functions; and the Kaiser has also issued an anti-Tango decree. Presumably, like Ragtime, the Tango will have its day and cease to be.

The late Mr. Pandeli Ralli, whose death is recorded by Reuter, was formerly connected with the firm of Ralli Brothers, of Bombay and Calcutta, but retired from the firm several years ago. He was in his sixty-eighth year, and was the eldest son of the late Mr. Thomas Ralli, of London. His mother was the daughter of M. Pandeli Argenti, of Marseilles. Mr. Ralli went in for politics nearly forty years ago, and first sat for Bridport from 1875 to 1880. From the latter year until 1885, he was member for Wallingford, and subsequently sat for the Midlothian Division. He was a great personal friend of Lord Kitchener, and paid his last visit to this country in 1905, for the durbar which King George attended as Prince of Wales.

The Bombay Medical Union has received a prompt reply to the representation which it recently made to Lady Hardinge, regarding the new Women's Medical Service for India. The Union has been convinced that the Association, which is responsible for the provision of this service, is working at the commencement on the right lines, and the Association will doubtless have welcomed the communication as showing that there is a genuine desire to assist its work in the country. The Union had suggested that women doctors should gain admission to this service by competitive examination. It is pointed out that as at present the service is limited to 25 members, only one or two will be recruited each year and a competitive examination will be unpracticable. This the Union acknowledges, but in a further letter urges that entrance by competitive examination may be adopted when the service has later been developed to a sufficient extent.

The King takes a personal interest in the Cattle Show and this year his cattle have won many prizes. Cattle Show week, now only a ripple on the surface of London life, was formerly a time of great excitement. There are those who remember when many of the visitors to town were top-booted, low-crowned-hatted farmers of the traditional John Bull type, with here and there a smock-frocked labourer. For their benefit shops put their most attractive wares in their windows, theatres presented new "screaming farces," music-halls engaged extra star turns. And there was, as there is still, Mme. Tussaud's Waxworks, with its traditional claim on all country folks from having been for many years housed in the same building as the Cattle Show. For a countryman not to see the Waxworks was in the sixties an unpardonable offence.

The complaints against the hatpin peril, which have of late been growing in number and becoming more urgent, seem at last to have been effective. The Prefect of police in Paris has recently issued an order forbidding the wearing of hatpins, unless properly guarded or very short, in omnibuses, railway carriages, and all public vehicles and places. In London the action of the authorities has not been so drastic, and the public has only been reminded in a mild official way by notices being posted up on tramcars drawing attention to the danger from hatpins with unprotected points to passengers and tramway servants. But that the warning has been effective may be gathered from the statement of a Regent-street shop manager who says they are cutting down dozens of hatpins daily. Women, he explains, will not have protectors, and so as much of the pin as can be spared is cut off and a new point filed.

The Nilgiris, the slopes of which are so full of interest to the shikari, provided plenty of sport in the year 1912-13. The hon. secretary of the Nilgiri Game Association has just issued a report for the year which ended on June 30 last, and this shows that sambur have been on the increase in most parts, although owing to a preponderance of hinds good heads are somewhat rare. One, however, measuring 37 3-4in. was shot in the Kodanad district, and of fifteen stags which were killed in that neighbourhood the average was 33 in. Ibex fluctuated, having increased in some places, such as on the western slopes near Ootacamund, while in others they have shown a marked diminution, which is caused by the poaching of Kurumbers. These people appear to be inveterate poachers and in the districts where they are active do great damage. In spite of their operations, however, game is reported to be extraordinarily plentiful. The game shot throughout the Nilgiris during the season include 1 bison, 43 sambur, 19 spotted deer, 9 ibex, 7 tigers, 17 panthers, 6 bears, and 25 jungle sheep.

MILITARY MATTERS.

IMPORTANT SCHEME FOR THE TERRITORIALS.

[FROM OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, Dec. 12.

On Wednesday Prince Arthur of Connaught inaugurated a scheme which should have no little influence on the future of the Territorial Force in London. Five years ago, when the Duke of York's School was removed from its famous century-old buildings at Chelsea to new quarters above Dover, Lord Esher suggested that the opportunity should be taken to provide the London Corps of the then newly organized auxiliary army with suitable and much-needed accomodation. The site, which early in last century cost £30,000 and was valued by the War Office at £329,000, was saved from the speculative builder and became the greatest centre of Territorial activity in the metropolis. The Duke of York's School now accomodates twelve different units of the citizen army, besides the military administration and the London County Association. In the ground there are seven drill-halls and gymnasia, five shooting ranges, and a riding school, a second also being in course of completion. The drill-grounds suffice to accommodate four thousand men parading simultaneously. The Territorial Club, which was opened on Wednesday by Prince Arthur of Connaught, is located in the central block of buildings. While London Territorials in other parts of the metropolis have no concern with the headquarter at Chelsea of the twelve units which have now been settled there, every officer and man wherever he lives and drills can avail himself of the advantages of the new club. It is hoped that it may become the centre of much wider regimental activity and tend to promote that *esprit de corps* and solidarity of aim which make for military efficiency. Not only does it provide the usual accommodation of a club, dining-rooms, lounge, smoking and billiard-rooms, but there are also football and cricket grounds, a cinder track, and a swimming bath. For the small annual subscription of half-a-Crown any officer or man of any of the London Corps of the Territorial Force can avail himself of the privilege of this club, and there is little doubt the size of the membership will soon attest the success of the scheme.

VALUE OF SUCH CLUBS.

The club at Chelsea is a type of institution which might with advantage be set up in all cities and large towns throughout the country. Such places of social intercourse with opportunities for physical and athletic culture would do much to consolidate and enhance the prosperity of the Territorial Army. There is no question of the expense being possibly wasted. The Territorial Army has passed beyond the experimental stage. No one talks of its abolition to make way for a more effective means of national defence. As an organisation it leaves little to be desired. The only question on which there is diversity of opinion is the method by which it should be recruited. Whether the force should be continued on voluntary lines as at present, and with a struggle be able to maintain an effective strength of about 65 per cent. of the establishment fixed on the minimum regiments for efficient defence, or whether its rank should be fixed by imposing the duty of service on all able-bodied youths and compelling them to submit to longer initial and more regular after-periods of training is still a matter of controversy; but on the admirable character of the military machinery which has been created, as compared with the volunteers of the past, who possessed no military organization, there is complete unanimity. In a letter published this week, Lord Roberts has explained that he and those who are working with him "do not propose to do away with the Territorial Force or in any way alter its constitution, save by introducing the principle of compulsory service, plus the democratic system of promotion by merits through all ranks." This straightforward declaration will, it is hoped, suffice to dispose of much misunderstanding and misrepresentation. It is made clear that the National Service League does not advocate conscription after the Continental method nor that the Territorial soldier should be liable for service overseas, which are the stock misrepresentations of those who hesitate to take the one step that will render the existing organization effective for the purpose for which it was designed and who prefer that it should remain inefficient and incomplete until its inefficiency has been proved by disaster.

SOLDIERS' CLUB AT BORDON.

Talking of clubs, I see that the Soldiers' Club at Bordon has been completed and will be opened next week. Largely at the instance of General Sir Horace Smith Dorrien a grant was made from the balance of the profits of the South African Garrison Institutes' Fund to institute this club at Bordon, with the intention of making further allotments to build similar clubs at other military stations should this prove a success. The chief feature of the club building is a large concert hall with stage, dressing rooms, and an excellent dancing floor. The seating capacity is about 500. The remainder of the premises include sergeants' room, general room, supper room, bar, and seven bathrooms. On the first floor of the main building there is a reading room and billiard room, and a lounge. A special room is set apart for the use of the married families. Electric light is installed throughout. The management is invested in officers' and non-commissioned officers' and men's committees upon which all units in garrison are represented, the principle being that so far as possible the detailed management should devolve on the non-commissioned officers' and men's committee.

BRITISH BIPLANE'S SUCCESS.

The International Aeronautical Exhibition in Paris does not seem to have brought to light anything very strikingly novel in the matter of aeroplane design, but it is pleasing to note that amongst biplanes the Bristol, the only purely British machine in the show, has taken a very high place. As an example of sound design and solid construction, it is unsurpassed. In the matter of construction the British industry seems to have nothing to learn from its foreign rivals. In general design the Bristol biplane follows the lines of its speed. With its area of 400 square feet it has a maximum speed of sixty-nine and a minimum of thirty-six miles an hour,—moderate but sufficient for general military purposes. On the other hand it has weight, carrying capacity, lifting easily a useful load of 850 lbs with the 900 lbs of its own weight, giving a total of 1750 lbs. Fully loaded, the machine has a normal climbing speed of 3,000 feet in nine minutes. The propeller is novel in design and has a diameter of only 7 feet. The machine is equipped with a new bomb-dropping device designed by M. Coanda, which from a military and naval point of view is of distinct interest. The device, inserted between the planes, contains twelve bombs each weighing 10lbs. and containing a charge of 2lbs. of explosive. They are provided at the rear with guiding fins and propeller. When the bombs are released, either by pushing a knob or automatic catch, they drop vertically and remain harmless until the small revolving propeller has uncoiled a spring and prepared the charge for detonation on impact. Hence an adequate safety device is provided against explosion in the case of the aeroplane making a heavy landing. The twelve bombs can be released in thirty seconds automatically, the device revolving and being successively brought into play like a revolver. The sighting instrument used is even more ingenious and seems to provide a solution for the complex problem that has hitherto been giving trouble. The instrument comprises a series of prisms giving the position of any object on the ground. The device can be trained and the bomb released at the precise moment required.

RED CROSS SOCIETY'S ACTIVITY.

Considerable interest and some speculation has been existed in various parts of the country by the visit of officials of the British Red Cross Society to country homes in search of buildings suitable for hospital purposesin case of war in the home territory. The Red Cross Society are apparently engaged in working out the details of the scheme which they have initiated at the instance of the War Office to co-ordinate voluntary aid and to supplement the Territorial medical service. The scheme has been arranged on lines similar to those followed by certain foreign countries, where organisations for the relief of sick and wounded in war have reached a high standard of efficiency. The medical organisation of the Territorial Force is considered to be sufficiently complete to meet the requirements of the combatant troops on the march and in action, as it provides medical establishments and units to accompany the troops. It also provides general hospitals. But it lacks some of the medical units which are to be found in the Expeditionary Force and in all armies on the Continent, such as clearing hospitals, stationary hospitals, ambulance trains, rest stations, private hospitals, and convalescent homes. It is the aim of the British Red Cross Society to provide these units and supply them with staffs of qualified voluntary workers. The work is being done by the county branches of the society and covers the whole area of Great Britain; and the personnel available and trained has now reached the respectable total of 54,039, of whom 37,603 are women. Much has been done, but much still remains to be done, both in organisation and training. Some of the detachments are practically complete in the matter of equipment, either actually stored or promised to be supplied on mobilization of individuals in the district, others are not so fortunate. The ideal to which the various branches aspire is that every detachment should be thoroughly trained, so that something more than first aid can be given. But outside London, and perhaps a few large towns besides, few detachments come anywhere near the ideal. There are not many of the personnel who can spare the time to attend a three-years course of advanced training and put in a sufficient number of attendances at an infirmary or hospital to gain practical experience. Especially is this the case with detachments in rural districts, where the nearest infirmary willing to give facilities for training lies at a considerable distance from the headquarters of the detachment, and attendance would therefore involve remaining away from home for the whole time that the course lasted. With the best intentions in the world it is impossible for any but a comparatively small number of each of the country detachments to become thoroughly trained up to the ideal standard; but up to certain point they are efficient, and would doubtless be of considerable value at the start of operations, and become increasingly valuable as time went on, and they gained experience.

NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

The Admiralty recently have been reviewing the position as regards the employment of the Naval Volunteer in time of war. Hitherto it has been generally understood that the Volunteer Reserve would work together with other classes of Naval Reserves, that is to say that in time of war they would be available to make up the balance of the crews of the ships that are kept in reserve in time of peace. The Admiralty have now decided that on mobilization a detachment of the Naval Volunteer Reserve should be sent to every commissioned ship in the fleet. This is a decision which will commend itself to all the members of the Naval Volunteer Reserve, and will probably have the effect of both attracting increased numbers and inducing more members to make the effort to spare the time to put in their training at sea.

BATTLE CRUISERS COMPARED.

The British battle cruiser "Tiger" will be launched next Monday. She is the last of the five armoured ships of 1911-12 programme, and her launch will bring up the number of battle cruisers to 10 including the Australia and New Zealand. She is the last battle cruiser in hand of the vessels of the Queen Elizabeth type, though faster than all the previous battleships classed as battleships and not as battle cruisers.

The German battle cruiser "Lutzon" of about the same size was launched on November 29, having been only 15 months on the stocks as compared with the 18 months of the "Tiger." Both ships are credited with a speed of 28 knots, but the "Lutzon" is more heavily protected having a 11inch belt as compared with the 9 inch of the British ship. On the other hand the "Tiger" carries eight 13.5 in. guns, whilst the German ship has the same number of 12 inch. Both ships are fitted to burn both oil and coal. The "Tiger" is the first ship larger than a light cruiser to have turbines of the Brown-Curtis instead of the Parsons type. The "Kirishma" launched for Japan at Nagasaki on December 1, is about the same displacement and of the same speed, but as regards protection is intermediate between the British and German ships and is more heavily armed, having eight 14 inch guns in her secondary armament against twelve and no less than eight torpedo tubes as against the five of the "Tiger" and "Lutzon."

MR. GANDHI'S ATTITUDE.

THE MARCH TO DURBAN DEFERRED.

SEALED LETTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

ANOTHER ULTIMATUM ISSUED.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Dec. 28.

Mr. Gandhi delivered a short address to four hundred Indians to-day. His tone was most moderate. He said he had received certain replies from the Government in connection with the Indian grievances. He was unable to divulge their purport at that moment, but he announced that the pre-arranged march of Indians from Johannesburg to Durban would not begin for the time being.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Mr. Gandhi said commissariat arrangements must first be made, so the march would be postponed till the 15th of January. If certain demands had not then been met he would call out the Indians *en bloc* and revive passive resistance.—Reuter.

COLLECTION FOR S. A. FUND.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

KARACHI, Dec. 29.

At the request of residents of Karachi, Lala Lajpat Rai addressed a large gathering in the Congress pandal this evening, appealing for funds for the South African Indians. A sum of Rs. 5,000 was collected on the spot.

[Speaking at a session of the Social Conference at Karachi yesterday, Sir Narayen Chandarvarker declared that when Indians, who are now suffering in South Africa, return to this country they will be excommunicated by their fellow-castemen for having gone to a foreign land. A report of the speech will be found on page 9.]

INDIANS IN MALAYSIA.

WAGES NOT TO BE REDUCED.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 29.

A meeting of the planters of the Malay States at Kuala Lumpur decided against the principle of reducing coolies' wages in view of the probable serious effect of such action on Indian recruiting.—Reuter.

THE ULSTER QUESTION.

BISHOP'S PRAYER FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Prayers of intercession for the preservation of peace in Ireland, sanctioned by the Bishop of London, were used in many London churches yesterday.—Reuter.

A "JUVENILE PRANK."

GERMAN SENTRY FIRED AT IN STRASSBURG.

STRASSBURG, Dec. 27.

A civilian to-day fired two shots at a sentry at the Castle Barracks and escaped.

LATER.

It has transpired that the firing at the sentry yesterday was a juvenile prank.—Reuter.

FRANCE'S CREOLE TROOPS.

UNSUITABLE FOR SERVICE IN EUROPE.

PARIS, Dec. 28.

In consequence of a medical report, the Minister of War has decided to send back to their native colonies all the Creole contingents at present garrisoned in the south of France, all having failed to become acclimatised.—Reuter.

LORD BURNHAM.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

An illuminated address, with 253 signatures representative of the Press of Great Britain and the Empire, was presented to Lord Burnham, yesterday, at his residence at Hall Barn, on the occasion of his 89th birthday. Lord Northcliffe read the address.—Reuter.

[Lord Burnham, or Sir Edward Levy Lawson, as he was, before being created a Baron in 1903, is best known for his connection, as chief proprietor, with the *Daily Telegraph*. He was President of the British Institute of Journalists in 1886.]

M. VEDRINES' FLIGHT.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27.

The aviator, M. Vedrines, who took up M. Daucourt's flight to Cairo, has arrived at Jaffa.—Reuter.

VALUABLE STAMPS.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The collection of British stamps of the late Earl of Crawford has been sold to an Englishman named Sparrow for £20,000.—Reuter.

A gas geyser gives a supply of boiling water for a bath in a few minutes; a gas circulator keeps water constantly hot and available any hour of the day or night; there is no tedious wait for hot water.

THE ANTARCTIC.

SHACKLETON SAILS NEXT YEAR.

DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, Dec 29.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, in a letter to the *Times*, says that he is able, through the generosity of a friend, to announce that he will definitely lead an expedition in 1914 across the Antarctic continent.

The expedition will be called the "Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition," because he feels that kinsmen in all lands under the Union Jack will be willing to assist in carrying out the full programme of exploration, which is projected.

The *Times* adds that the expedition will start from a South American port, with the object of crossing the South Pole and returning by New Zealand.—Reuter.

VIOLENT SCENES IN A DIET.

MOTOR-HORN AND TRUMPET BLOWING.

AGRAM, Dec. 28.

The Croatian Diet opened yesterday. A dispute as to the date of the next meeting caused the wildest scenes.

M. Mileusnic, the president, who is a member of the Opposition, fixed Monday, but the Ministerialists objected, and M. Mileusnic vacated the chair in favour of M. Tuskan, a Ministerialist, who decided to meet the same evening.

Two members of the Opposition then rushed at M. Tuskan and tried to drag him from his chair, whereupon a free fight ensued and the sitting was suspended. On the resumption of the sitting at six in the evening, the Ministerialists found M. Mileusnic in the chair reading newspapers and conversing with friends.

This continued until 7-30, when an official informed M. Mileusnic that as he was not doing his duty, M. Tuskan would like to assume the presidency. M. Tuskan then mounted the tribune and planted himself in front of M. Mileusnic and tried to open the business, but was greeted with an inferno of trumpet and motor-horn blowing, the banging of typewriter covers, shrieks and abuse. Mr. Tuskan rang his bell, and M. Mileusnic, who was sitting in his chair, also produced a bell and rang every time M. Tuskan did. The uproar continued till eleven in the evening.

AGRAM, Dec. 29.

Despite the ear-splitting din, the majority succeeded in electing a president at three in the morning, whereupon the uproar subsided.—Reuter.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

NEW ARMAMENT BURDENS TO BE FACED.

PARIS, Dec. 28.

In the Senate, to-day, M. Ribot vehemently attacked the Government for its financial policy. He declared that a loan could not be delayed indefinitely and reprcached M. Caillaux for acting rather as a party leader than as a financier.

M. Caillaux, replying, explained the financial situation. There was, he said, a deficit of 794 million francs, while the budget for 1915 would show a deficit of 450 millions. Not including Moroccan expenditure, extraordinary military expenditure would exceed the estimates. The first estimates of 420 millions for the renewal of armaments had increased to 930 millions. The new financial burden must be faced. The income tax would supply 100 millions. For the remainder the favoured classes would have to make sacrifices. The Government would issue a short term loan to meet immediate requirements, but budgetary regularity must be secured in order to avoid serious embarrassment.—Reuter.

PAY IN THE ARMY.

PARIS, Dec. 28.

The Senate has unanimously passed a Bill increasing the pay of Army officers and N. C. O.'s—Reuter.

TURKEY'S GERMAN OFFICERS.

COMPROMISE TO BE EFFECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

A telegram to the *Temps* from Constantinople, says that a compromise between Russia and Germany is imminent on the subject of General Limat von Sanders, who will not command the First Army Corps but will remain in Constantinople. He will be a member of the Supreme Council of War and the Inspector-General of Military Schools, with a right to use troops in applying his military measures. Another German general has been given the command of the Adrianople Army Corps.—Reuter.

LEEDS STRIKE.

THE CITY IN PARTIAL DARKNESS.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

A meeting of Leeds strikers at midnight decided to continue the struggle.

It was declared that the gas-workers who had signed on had changed their minds.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Leeds was again in partial darkness last night, owing to the shortness and poorness of gas.—Reuter.

NEW ALTITUDE RECORD.

NICE, Dec. 28.

The aviator, M. Legagneux, in a flight to-day reached the altitude of 20,295 feet thus making a fresh record.—Reuter.

THE GREEK FORCES.

REORGANISATION OF THE ARMY.

BRITISH OFFICERS AND THE NAVY.

ADMIRAL KERR'S NOTABLE DECLARATION.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The reorganisation of the Greek Army is proceeding uninterruptedly. It now consists of five army corps composed of fifteen divisions. Two corps are stationed in Macedonia, one in Epirus, one at Athens, and one at Larissa. One division will be divided over Crete and the Ægean Islands.

ATHENS, Dec. 29.

Rear-Admiral Kerr, senior British officer reorganising the Greek Navy, has written to the papers saying that the King having done him and his brother officers the honour of appointing them officers of the Greek Navy they should not be styled "members of the British Navy Mission," but British officers of the Greek Navy, or, briefly, Anglo-Greek officers. Admiral Kerr adds, "We are proud to wear the uniform of Greek officers and to consider ourselves sons of Greece.—Reuter.

THE NEW ALBANIA.

GREEK EVACUATION POSTPONED BY CONSENT.

ROME, Dec. 28.

The *Tribuna* states that the Triple Alliance has accepted Sir Edward Grey's proposal to postpone the Greek evacuation of the territories allotted to Albania till the 14th of January.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

MAJOR-GENERAL C. S. LANE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The death is announced of Major-General Charles Stuart Lane.—Reuter.

[General Lane retired from the Indian Army in 1882. His active service included the Mutiny: Bhootan Expedition, 1863, and the Afghan War 1878-79. He was born in 1831.]

DEATH OF MR. PANDELI RALLI.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The death is announced of Mr. Pandeli C. Ralli, the Liverpool cotton merchant.—Reuter.

FAMOUS CANADIAN K.C.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.

The death has taken place of Mr. Rykert, K.C., the last survivor of the first Ontario Parliament.

King Edward, when Prince of Wales saved him from being trampled underfoot at St. Catherines, Mr. Rykert being thrown from his horse while reading an Address of Welcome.—Reuter.

GENERAL GRODEKOFF.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The death is announced of General Grodekoff, formerly Governor of Amur, commander of the troops in the Far East and the hero of the famous ride to Herat in 1878.—Reuter.

MONTREAL WATER FAMINE

SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN THE CITY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.

There is much suffering in hospitals as the result of the water famine. Heating appliances have had to be shut down and surgical operations postponed. Hundreds of people are idle owing to the closing of factories, and the danger of fire is causing great anxiety.—Reuter.

SHIPPING TO SIBERIA.

KEEN COMPETITION PROMISED.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The new four-weekly service arranged jointly by Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co. and Messrs. Gellatly, Hankey and Co. from Hamburg, Glasgow, Swansea and Birkenhead to Vladivostok and Nikolaievsk, will start on January 24.

The Hamburg-Amerika Company is also inaugurating a regular service from Liverpool to Vladivostok and Nikolaievsk, and the Rickmers Line, of Bremen, is running additional vessels to those ports from the Mersey. The keenest competition is thus promised.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FROM KING GEORGE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

King George has telegraphed to President Wilson congratulating him on his birthday and trusting that his health has not suffered from the arduous duties of the year.—Reuter.

BIG CHINESE LOANS.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The *Financial Times* publishes a message from Paris, that a Franco-Belgian syndicate has arranged privately to issue in Paris, probably early in the New Year, 55,556 twenty-pound 8 per cent. Chinese treasury bonds, secured on land tax at 98. The syndicate acquired the bonds at 92.—Reuter.

AFFLICTED JAPAN.

WORST FAMINE FOR 44 YEARS.

GIRLS SOLD FOR EXPORT.

TOKIO, Dec. 29.

The famine in Aomori and Hokkaido is the worst since 1869. The crops are not one-thousandth part of normal and the fisheries have also failed.

Parents are selling their daughters and batches are arriving at Tokio for shipment abroad or for entrance into the Yoshiwara.

The Government is devoting £600,000 for relief.—Reuter.

LABOURITE DEPORTED.

AMERICAN INCITER OF STRIKERS.

CALUMET, (MICHIGAN), Dec. 28.

Mr. Moyer, the President of the Western Federation of Miners, who asserted that opponents of the strike were responsible for the Christmas tree disaster, has been deported from Michigan, for ordering the miners and their families not to accept the funds raised by the Citizens' Relief Committee.

A telegram from Milwaukee says that Mr. Moyer, as he was passing through, *en route* to Chicago, declared that a score of men had attacked him at Calumet, and beat him about the head with a revolver, which went off wounding him in the neck. They dragged him through the streets and put him on the train.

A telegram from Chicago says that Mr. Moyer has been placed in hospital with a bullet wound in the shoulder.—Reuter.

A DRUNKEN TRAGEDY.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

A terrible domestic tragedy has occurred at Oberstenfeld, Wurtemburg. A drunkard, armed with a gun, attacked and seriously wounded his wife, father-in-law, brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law. He then committed suicide.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Replying to an enquiry regarding the apprehended shortage of water to irrigate the cotton-fields, Mr. Macdonald, Egyptian Under-Secretary of Works, states that cotton will be given a full service.—Reuter.

THE INCOMING MAIL.

ADEN, Dec. 29.

The P. and O. s.s. "Salsette" left here for Bombay at 5 a.m. on Monday, with the outward mails of the 19th. inst.

The *Maloja* left at 3 a.m., with the mails for Colombo and Australia.—Reuter.

RAILWAY STRIKE.

GRIEVANCES IN A BURMA WORKSHOP.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

RANGOON, Dec. 29.

The men employed at the new carriage and waggon workshop, Myitnge (Upper Burma) have struck on account of certain deductions from their wages for the "Hameda" tax. The men state the tax had already been deducted previously when at Insein (the old workshop), and they refused to work. The Superintendent had the shop closed on Tuesday and pointed out to the maistries and others that their representations would be looked into by the Insein office where the deductions been made.

The next day the men still stayed away from work and the civil and military police were sent down from Mandalay to prevent a riot and to protect the shops. On Christmas day the Agent received a deputation and promised the maistries to go into their grievances provided the men returned to work, but said that if they remained away on Monday (to-day) they would be evicted from their quarters. The strikers consist chiefly of the lower paid workmen.

BENARES INSURANCE CASE.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

BENARES, Dec. 28.

In the Benares Insurance case Sarala Devi, the wife of Baroda Charan, who was examined by the court, admitted having been brought to Benares from Paiknara by Mahendranath Khasnavir on August 14 last. The cypher letter contains the sentence: "Have you sent Mahendra to fetch my wife?"

Witness admitted her signature on some Bengali letters sent to certain Companies stating that Mukhada Charan did everything on her behalf. She also admitted having seen a horoscope in the possession of her husband, but was not certain if the one in court was the same. She said the letter to the National Insurance Co., demanding the return of the horoscope, was written and signed by Mukhada Charan under her instructions. Witness admitted having applied for a certificate in the court of the District Judge, Benares, through Mukhada Charan.

No charge has yet been framed.

The case was adjourned to the 10th of January.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

FOR LADY READERS.

The "BOMBAY GAZETTE" is offering a valuable prize to its lady readers. Full details of the competition will be found on page 8

ANOTHER S. O. S. MESSAGE.

LINER'S SERIOUS PLIGHT.

ASHORE IN A DANGEROUS POSITION.

MANY PASSENGERS SAID TO BE ON BOARD.

BRISBANE, Dec. 29.

The steamer "Tasman" sends a wireless message that she is ashore on Bramble Cay, in the Gulf of Papua, and is in a dangerous position.

She carries a large number of passengers, including Madame Nordica.

Steamers have been sent to the rescue.—Reuter.

"LUDGATE" REFLOATED.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The steamer "Ludgate" has been refloated and has arrived at Gibraltar.—Reuter.

RANGOON FIRE.

2,000 PEOPLE RENDERED HOMELESS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

RANGOON, Dec. 29.

Nearly two thousand persons were rendered homeless by a fire that occurred in Pazundaung yesterday. The loss on the buildings and their contents is estimated at two lakhs of rupees. The fire started in a house occupied by a number of Chinese cooks who were preparing food for hawkers.

RANGOON, Dec. 29.

In connection with yesterday's fire, at a meeting held to-day of Burmese elders, at which the Eastern Sub-division Magistrate presided, it was resolved to raise subscriptions in aid of the sufferers. A sum of close on Rs. 2,000 was collected and promised.

It was also decided to approach the Commissioner of Police and the President of the Rangoon Municipality with a view to the formation of a Burmese Volunteer Fire Corps for each quarter of the town which, in the present fire, was a necessity and the lack of which was seriously felt.

This corps will be under the Inspector of Police of the quarter, in whose charge all implements to be used at fires will be kept.

THE MOSLEM LEAGUE.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SESSION AT AGRA.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

AGRA, Dec. 29.

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtulla, President-elect of the All-India Moslem League, arrived at Agra to-day, the Chairman of the Reception Committee and several members receiving him at the station.

It has been arranged to give him a public reception to-morrow before the league begins its sitting.

Among the leading Mahomedans who also arrived to-day are:—His Highness the Aga Khan, Sir Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy, Mir Asad Ali, Mr. Bhurgri and Mahammad Ali Kinnah. The Nawab Syed Mahammad is expected to arrive to-night.

The Council of the Moslem League will meet this evening to discuss important questions, such as the constitution of the League and other cognate matters. The result of the deliberation of the Council has not been communicated to the public and the principal questions and the draft resolutions will be finally settled when the Subjects Committee meets to-night. It is understood that the question of Indians in South Africa, the separation of judicial and executive functions, extension of the permanent settlement, communal modification of the Press Act, and the relation of the parent Moslem League to various branches in and outside India, will prominently come up for discussion.

A lunch was given this afternoon by the Old Boys of Aligarh College followed by a garden party to meet Sir Theodore Morrison and others.

MOULVI LEAKAT HOSAIN.

ARRESTED AT A STUDENTS' MEETING.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

The *Englishman* reports the arrest in College-Square of Moulvi Leakat Hosain. It seems he was addressing a meeting of students in the Square on Friday evening, in contravention of police regulation. He had not been bailed out up to yesterday afternoon.

CHOLERA IN MANIPUR.

123RD OUTRAM'S RIFLES IN QUARANTINE.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.

The *Englishman's* Manipur correspondent writes (on Christmas Eve.):—

The 123rd Outram's Rifles left Bhamo on November 20, and reached Thobal. The first stage from Manipur to Burma was done on the morning of the 22nd. Thobal is about 12 miles south of Manipur. Heavy baggage was carried by 900 Naga coolies. Unfortunately, cholera broke out amongst them, and eight or ten cases proved fatal. Great precautions have been taken to check the spread of the disease amongst the sepoys, who are all in good health. The new regiment has been put under quarantine in an open place about three miles from Manipur. Their detention is likely to interfere with the programme of the movement to Dacca of the 17th Infantry.

FRONTIER RAIDS.

NO TRACE FOUND OF THE CRIMINALS.

HINDUS IN N.-W. PROVINCE ASK FOR PROTECTION.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LAHORE, Dec. 29.

No success has been yet attained in tracing the perpetrators of the outrages on the railway at Jehangira Road and Khairabad.

The troops who went in pursuit have been withdrawn, but the military police are still out.

A mass meeting of Hindus of the Bannu District, Frontier Province, was held at Bannu City, at which resolutions were passed as follows:—

"That Government be pleased to take special and stringent measures in view of the fact that life and property of Hindus in the Frontier Provinces are getting more and more insecure owing to the frequency of raids, and that the raiders having their places of shelter in Khost and other territories of the Amir of Kabul, the latter be communicated with in order to come to a definite understanding.

"That as raiders almost invariably commit raids on and kidnap Hindus with the connivance of British Indian subjects—tribal and village—their responsibilities should be brought home to the latter and rigorously enforced.

"That Hindus of the Frontier Provinces in general, and of the Bannu District in particular, be exempted from the operation of the Arms Act and that the relations between Hindus and Mahomedans having become strained since the passing of the Land Alienation Act owing to the refusal on the part of the former to advance loans to the latter without sufficient security, Bannu District be exempted from the operation of the said Act in order to restore mutual confidence and peace."

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

DELHI, Dec. 29.

Major C. B. Stokes, 3rd Horse, General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, Army Headquarters is granted leave out of India, for 6 months.

Lieut.-Colonel Prescott-Decie, R.F.A., from the Home Establishment, is posted to the command of the 7th Brigade, R.F.A. at Rawalpindi.

Captain Nicolay, 2nd Gurkha Rifles, has been selected for appointment as a commandant in the Assam Military Police.

Approval has been given to the retirement of Lieut. E. C. Clegg, Border Regiment, to serve in the Special Service.

Major D. King, Quartermaster, 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, will retire from 23rd February 1914.

An exchange has been approved between Sec.-Lieut. Wilson, No. 60 Co. R.G.A. at Ferozepore and Sec.-Lieut. Caudle, No. 70 Co. R.G.A., at Aden.

Capt. J. T. B. Mayne, No. 85 Co. R.G.A., Bombay, is permitted to retire.

Lieut. C. Pease, 2nd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, is appointed to the West African Regiment.

The 79th Carnatic Infantry, who are now detained in Bombay, are expected in Rangoon in February.

PROCLAMATION PARADE.

The troops in garrison will parade in conjunction with the Royal Navy on January 1, 1914, to commemorate "Proclamation Day" and fire a *feu-de-joie* on the maidan, north of the Bombay Gymkhana:—The following troops will take part:—

Royal Garrison Artillery.
1st Sherwood Forresters.
Detachment 2nd (S.V. Q. O.) Rajputs.
Detachment 95th Russel's Infantry.

At Santa Cruz.—75th Carnatic Infantry, 95th Russell's Infantry (less Bombay Detachment). Dress: review order-summer clothing. A rehearsal of the parade will be held at both places to-morrow.

THE "PLASSY."

The hired transport "Plassy" is expected to arrive in Bombay harbour from Southampton on the 1st January next with details for various regiments.

The Bombay Radio Office was in touch with the "Plassy" at 10 last night. Radio messages will be accepted up to 2 p.m. of the January 1st (approximate).

OUR PROSPEROUS RAILWAYS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

SIMLA, Dec. 29.

The total approximate gross earnings of State and Guaranteed Railways from the 1st April to the 13th December 1913 show a gain of Rs. 20,72,109 as compared with the figures for the corresponding period of 1912-13.

VISITORS TO INDIA.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

Sir William H. Davies, Liberal Member of Parliament for Bristol, has arrived here from Colombo, with his wife and daughter, on a sight-seeing tour throughout India.

OUR SUNDAY EDITION.

AN IMMEDIATE SUCCESS.

The scope for a Sunday paper in Bombay has been well demonstrated by the success of the Sunday Edition of the *Bombay Gazette*, which made its first appearance this week.

The *Gazette* was on sale early on Sunday morning and the demand was unprecedented, the extra supply printed being quickly sold out.

The Sunday Edition will contain all the latest Home and Indian telegrams, sporting and general; the best of the mail news; a page for women reader, together with a number of special features. With the Sunday Edition is also issued a supplement of four pages comprising varied reading matter.

CURRENT EASTERN NEWS.

The death took place at Simla suddenly on Saturday morning of Mr. Carey, Superintendent of the Annandale Gymkhana Club, Simla, and late Sergeant-major, No. 5 Mountain Battery, Jutogh.

During the past week several Christmas tree celebrations have been held in Simla. The principal ones were given by the Masonic Fraternity, the Roman Catholic Club, the Union Church, at Rivetts Rink and the Telegraph Club.

Mr. F. F. Goodliffe of Rangoon has been presented with a handsome Burma carved silver cup by the native racing owners in Rangoon in recognition of his services in representing their plaints, etc., to the Stewards of the local races.

The *Sind Gazette* writes.—"Among the new industries shortly to be launched by a leading Karachi firm is, we understand, a large up to date cement factory. It is said it will undertake the manufacture of tiles and other articles as well as the production of Portland cement."

The Ceylon papers are full of accounts of damage done by the severe storm which swept over the southern portion of the island on the 15th and 16th instant. The *Times of Ceylon* of the 17th instant says:—"As much news as is available—which is scanty enough owing to the disbeation of the telegraph service—with regard to the storm of the last few days, shows that the brunt of it has fallen on the south-eastern watershed, though a good deal of rain has come down on the other side of the Nuwara Eliya range, judging by the floods in Nuwara Eliya, Maskeliya and Gampola Districts. Uva has again caught it very severely. There is an ominous silence on the east and south-east coast generally, including Batticoloa, which has been cut off since yesterday morning. The last message received from Batticoloa stated that heavy rain was being experienced, and that the water was rapidly rising."

In drawing comparisons between India and Ceylon, a correspondent of the *Ceylon Observer* points out that "an island of less than 30,000 square miles cannot be said to have any enormous areas of any kind. A simple proportion sum relating to population will also show that what is true of India is not similarly true of Ceylon. Thus India's population exceeds 300 millions whilst that of her three greatest cities is under 3 millions or a proportion of 1 to 100 for the population of her capitals as compared with the total population. Now take Ceylon. The total slightly exceeds 4 millions and that of the capital is well over 200,000 or a proportion of 1 to 20. Similar grouping of smaller towns will bring out a very similar proportion in both countries. Consequently, the town population of Ceylon is about 5 times as important in its influence upon the island as is the town population of India upon India."

The other day the Calcutta Fire Brigade were called out to as many as four fires in the course of twenty hours. The first alarm was received from Abhoy Churan Mitter's Street, where on arrival the Brigade found a tumble-down hut well ablaze. The fire was promptly put out, the resulting damage being only trivial. At about half-past nine an alarm of a fire occurring in a store of cotton at 15, Mirzapur Street was received, and the fire was put out by the Brigade as promptly as possible. The third fire was on board the British India steamer, *Canara*, lying at Esplanade moorings. Some miscellaneous cargo in the saloon store was ablaze. The Fire Brigade, on receipt of information, proceeded to the scene, but the fire was extinguished by the crew of the vessel with hand-hose. In the evening about seven o'clock some commotion was caused owing to a fire occurring in a tiled hut used as a garage in Bama Charn Mullick's Street not very far from the Coomartoli thana. The fire was quickly put out by the firemen before it could assume a serious aspect.

Lord Curzon has been occupying his leisure for some little time past in writing a book on the Government House at Calcutta and the Government House at Barrackpore. The task says the *Englishman*, has been something of a labour of love, but it has involved a great deal of painstaking research and when the volume comes to be published it will be found that even the alterations effected at Calcutta, since Lord Curzon left India, are fully dealt with in the book. The Government House at Calcutta which was built by Lord Wellesley in 1799 has, of course, always had rather a family interest for Lord Curzon since it was modelled upon Kedleston Hall, his ancestral home in Derbyshire. Kedleston Hall was at one time the most stately of the stately homes of the Peak District, excelling even Chatsworth in magnificence, when that noble home of the Cavendish family was first erected. Kedleston Hall was built by Adams in 1761 for the first Lord Scarsdale. It contains an enormous hall 67 feet long by 42 feet wide, and its art treasures would fill a public gallery. Johnson scoffed at it as a "big town hall" when he visited it one day. What pleased him most at Kedleston was to find a copy of his own dictionary in one of the rooms.

Medical Missions in India quotes from the *Lancet* an extraordinary story of self-sacrifice by a Hindu devotee, narrated by Captain W. Tarr, I.M.S. "On March 20th at Mandhata a holy place on the Nerbudha, Lachman an ascetic, aged 45, went to the temple of Shiva, at which he had been a worshipper, put his left arm on the threshold, and with two blows of an axe severed the hand at the wrist. He then placed the hand before the idol and went to tell the priest; the latter applied an impromptu ligature round the forearm and brought him to hospital. He was quite happy, and said he had felt no pain. I found that the hand had been amputated by a clean cut through the wrist joint, just removing the articular surface of the radius. I explained to him the necessity of a further operation, and proposed an anæsthetic; he refused chloroform, as he was quite confident he would feel no pain. I proceeded to clean up the arm and do the necessary operation, which, of course, included sawing through both bones, while he looked on in a calm and interested manner; it was quite evident that, for the time being his sense of pain was in abeyance."

BACKWARD RACES.

THE NEEDS OF THE RAJPUTS.

APPEAL BY THE MAHARAJA OF KASHMIR.

DEPRESSED CLASSES MEET AT KARACHI.

[Associated Press.]

Agra, Dec. 29.

His Highness the Maharaja of Kashmir delivered an interesting speech yesterday at the Rajput College, which was crowded with a large and representative assembly.

His Highness said it was with the greatest pleasure that he accepted the invitation to take the chair at the meeting of the Kshatriya Upkarini Mahasabha. It was a matter of considerable regret that many leading Rajput chiefs, whom the community regarded with the greatest honour and respect, did not evince the willingness they would like to see in standing shoulder to shoulder with them in their attempts at the amelioration of their community, which no one would deny was more backward than most of the "Dalj" communities in India.

His Highness went on to say: "For the uphill work we have before us the help of the aristocracy of the community is absolutely necessary. If the Rajput ruling chiefs at this juncture hold aloof and refused a helping hand to their poorer brethren, how can they expect that when the community has advanced, as it undoubtedly must and will advance, the same respect, honour reverence, and esteem will be shown to them as at present? The indifference of several of the Rajput ruling chiefs verges on apathy. I make, therefore, an earnest appeal to them to aid us by their countenance and support in the efforts we are making for the betterment of our community by educational and other means, in order that the Rajput may not lose irretrievably that which he formerly held, but has to a great extent now lost—his position in the front rank of civilization.

"Some may say that higher education is likely to instil insubordination. The notion is mistaken, for the history of the Rajput States amply proves that the Rajput Sardars have played a noble part in the past, and they may be trusted to play the same part to an even higher degree were they to receive the advantages of education. Loyalty to his master is engraved on the heart of the Rajput, and that loyalty need in no way be impaired by education. In this connection I may remind you that His Excellency Lord Hardinge, in the course of his tour in Rajputana last year, commented in his speeches on the deficient education of the nobles and jagirdars. The remedy for this lies in the hands of the Darbars.

"All the aims of the Mahasabha are not political, except in so far as it inculcates loyalty and devotion to the paramount power. Rajputs have always been loyal to their chiefs and the British Raj has inspired us with feelings of the most sincere devotion and loyalty, which feeling it is one of the aims of the Mahasabha to cherish, maintain, and, if possible, to increase. In connection with the educational advancement of the Rajput community, the place in which we are assembled to-day is a fitting one for mention of the noble work of the late Thakur Umrao Singh Sahib of Kotla, father of the Mahasabha, by whose efforts this institution was established in 1837, in this great and beautiful City of Agra."

DEPRESSED CLASSES MISSION.

[Associated Press.]

Karachi, Dec. 23.

A public meeting of the Depressed Classes Mission Society of India was held in Kalikdina Hall, this morning. There was a large gathering, including Lala Lajpat Rai, Sir Narayen Chandavarker, Rao Bahadur Tarachand Showkiram, Prof. Shahani and Mr. Shinde.

Lala Lajpat Rai was unanimously elected to take the chair. He said the question of the depressed classes was of national importance. It was not a question of charity or good-will, but one of national self-preservation. The Baptist Mission in Northern India, he said, had converted a large number of the depressed classes, and he asked Hindus to be serious in the matter. The main method of carrying on the work was the spirit of realising that whosoever engaged in that work elevated his own soul and worked for his salvation. To carry on that mission they wanted men to carry the banner of life to every home, and if all realised that spirit of nationality, success would be assured.

Sir Narayan Chandavarker said that a depressed classes mission was in India a national problem. It was not an Indian problem but a world problem, and if they looked most carefully into the history of the day and analysed it fully they found that it was a problem of humanity; and no problem stood more prominent for the solution of humanity than the problem of those whom they called labourers, servants and depressed classes throughout the civilised world. In elevating the depressed classes they were elevating themselves.

Mr. G. K. Devadhar, who followed next, insisted upon free association of the higher castes with the depressed classes.

Dr Sunderland of America said that no nation was recognised as civilised unless the lower classes had been lifted. He referred to the manner in which they were elevating the Negro population in America. He was glad to observe the growing spirit in India, which he thought was a most hopeful sign.

LORD KITCHENER'S STATUE.

[Associated Press.]

Calcutta, Dec. 28.

The statue of Lord Kitchener, which is to be placed on the Calcutta Maidan, arrived here yesterday by steamer and will shortly be erected.

THE THEOSOPHISTS.

CONVENTION BEING HELD IN BENARES.

MRS. BESANT ON THE RECENT LITIGATION.

[Associated Press.]

Benares, Dec. 28.

Mrs. Besant, in her presidential speech before the Theosophical Convention yesterday, remarked: "After a year of storm and stress of unexampled and unbroken attack by the group of our prosecutors and of their organs in the Press, I have to begin by chronicling the most remarkable quickening of progress in India that our movement has ever known. The action taken by me in defence of the Society resulted in its complete clearance from all the falsehoods circulated about it. The magistrate, in the Madras Police Court, in clearing the Society, refused to formulate any charge of libel against those who had attacked me personally, and was supported in his refusal by Mr. Justice Ayling, but both these dignitaries confined themselves to refusing redress to me, declaring against all the evidence that I had.

"Mr. Narayaniah's suit, that has been throughout a personal one, has been used to pour mockery upon Theosophy, but all that has ridiculed Hinduism and poured shame on all who carry their professed beliefs into their lives. From the nature of the case I could only offer Theosophists as witnesses. All their evidence has been brushed aside with contumely, including that of Sir S. Aiyar, who still keenly feels the slur cast on him from the Bench which he so long adorned.

"More than four thousand members were admitted during the year. America, England and Spain report rapid progress. At Adyar, the headquarters, all has gone on smoothly. Norway has continued its own National Society. An effort which promises to be very successful has been made to establish a steady centre for our educational work in future and the Theosophical Educational Trust has been incorporated. It has the beginnings of a college at Gorakpur. It has bought land for a college in Benares, and some sixty acres have been given for a college by the generous Maharaja of Tikari, at Gaya. There is the prospect of another at Madanapalle. We have boys' schools at Benares, Madanapalle, Bankipur and Pedditur, and girls' schools at Benares, Kumbakonam and Madura."

In conclusion, Mrs. Besant said: "My term of office as President of the Society closes on July 5, 1914, for it was on July 6, 1911, that Mr. Sinnet declared me to be selected to that high office. I shall render to the Society an account of my work through its sectional organs, so that it may reach every member. The General Council has unanimously nominated me for re-election and the Society will, during the next month, ratify or reject that nomination which will be made formally on January 5, 1914."

After the presidential address, reports from national societies and unsectionalised countries, as well as those of subsidiary activities, were read by various representatives, England showed a total of 2,280 members, and India an increase of 1,071. Reports from Scandinavia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, France, Italy, Germany, America, Cuba, Burma, Scotland South Africa, and several other countries showed steady progress all round. Among reports of subsidiary activities, both Panchama free schools and Buddhist schools in Ceylon have done good work. Telegrams of greeting were received from France, Russia, England, America and a considerable number from India.

At this stage Mrs. Besant vacated the chair, and Rai Bahadur Shyamsunder Lal of Gwalior, was elected chairman.

Mr. Harendranath of Calcutta, proposed, and Babu Iswarsaran of Allahabad, seconded the following resolution, which was carried:—That this Convention expresses its entire confidence in Mrs. Annie Besant, and begs to convey to her its heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable service rendered by her to the Theosophical Society, of which she is the trusted head.

Mrs. Besant acknowledged the resolution in a speech in which she remarked that she still hoped that those that had gone out of the Theosophical Society would some day come back and work as friends as they have done in the past.

THE ULTIMATE HOPE OF THE THEOSOPHISTS.

Benares, Dec. 29.

On Sunday the Theosophical Convention met in the afternoon with Mrs. Besant in the chair, and the General Secretary Mr. Iqbal Narain Gurtu read the annual report. The Convention passed a resolution recommending the General Council to take steps to nominate Mrs. Besant for the Presidentship.

Mrs. Besant delived her second public lecture on "Theosophy in India." Among other things she asked the people to discard "Prayaschitta". In its political aspect she said Theosophy hopes for an ultimate Imperial Federation and it would go a long way to allay the unrest that is spreading in England.

A BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

The inaugural meeting of the Bhandari Shikshna Parishad (educational conference) was held on Sunday afternoon at the Framji Cowasji Hall, Dhobitalao, Mr. Sitaram Keshav Bole presiding. Mr. Sakharam Vishram Kire, chairman of the reception committee, in his address stated that the children of their community were very ignorant and in this age it was necessary that they should be taught. The President of the conference then gave a brief history of the community, in which he said that the Bhandari community were the descendants of the Kshatriya caste. At Malwan a school had been started and children of any community were admitted to it. He regretted that a very small number of students of the community entered for University examinations.

VICEROY & STUDENTS.

"ALWAYS YOUR SINCERE FRIEND."

[Associated Press.]

Calcutta, Dec. 28.

The following autograph reply to an address of welcome has been sent by the Viceroy to the junior members of the Calcutta University Institute, dated Viceroy's Camp, December 26th:—"My friends,—I have been greatly touched by the friendly address that you have sent me, and should like to assure you that I value very highly the kindly feelings it betokens, and the friendly sentiments it expresses. There is nothing nearer my heart than the welfare, happiness and health, both of body and mind, of the young men of our Universities, and especially of the University of Calcutta, of which I have the honour to be the Chancellor. I believe that you who have sent me this message stand for all that is best in University life, and I feel confident that you will ever maintain its high ideas. I thank you once more very warmly, and I wish you all a very happy New Year. I hope that you will always regard me as your sincere friend."

(Sd.) Hardinge of Penshurst.

DEPARTURE FROM CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, Dec. 28.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Hardinge brought their short visit to Calcutta to a close on Saturday evening. The Viceregal party went to Howrah station via Prinsops Ghat by steamer. The whole route and the station were guarded by police. The special train left at 10-40 p. m.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Hardinge returned to Delhi at 8-30 a.m. yesterday. The arrival was private. The Hon. the Chief Commissioner was present at the station.

PROPOSED KARACHI LOAN.

[Associated Press.]

Karachi, Dec. 29.

The Karachi Port Trust propose to raise a loan of about 35 lakhs of rupees in 1914. The trustees had asked for a period of currency for this loan for sixty years, but in view of the circumstances stated by the Commissioner in Sind, they are now content to ask for a minimum period of thirty years.

RIOT IN AUSTRIAN REICHSRATH.

MOTOR HORNS, BUGLES AND ALARMS.

Three electric railway alarms, about twenty shrill whistles, several deep-toned motor-car horns, a few toy trumpets, handbells, and a number of pieces of firewood wherewith to hammer the desks, were among the instruments used in the Austrian Reichsrath on Dec. 10 by the Ruthanian party. The full orchestra of sound was set going when a motion for adjournment by their leader, Herr Petruszewycz, was rejected.

Their object was to stop the proceedings of Parliament in order to call attention to certain grievances connected with the question of suffrage reform for the Galician Diet. The electric alarms, specially bought for the purpose, were such as are used on Austrian railways to signal the approach of trains, and they proved most effective in deafening the house. They have a further advantage as they require no physical labour to maintain in action, being equipped with batteries which will run for several days. Foremost among the instrumentalists were Herren Badzynowskji and Siengalewicz, who worked the electric alarms. Herr Kolessa showed a complete mastery of the motor horn, and a very meritorious contribution was that made by Herr Olesnizkiyj with the bugle. With the help of these a concert was kept up for over two hours, until the President was reluctantly compelled to suspend the sitting after a compromise agreeable to the Ruthenians was come to.

The majority of the House adopted a new method of self-defence by importing large quantities of cottonwool, with which they stuffed their ears. The Ruthenians, however, followed their example, and it was only this that enabled them to maintain a racket so long that the noise penetrated into the street, and caused the galleries to be quickly filled by curious but scandalised spectators.

TEMPORARY TRUCE.

A conference of the party leaders was summoned for 1-30 p. m. after the adjournment of the Reichsrath. It was agreed with the assent of the leader of the Ruthenians, to adopt the following plan. The sitting would be resumed, and the reporter would deliver a short closing speech, the sitting would then be closed. At seven o'clock in the evening a further sitting was to be held, at which a vote was to be taken on the question of personal income-tax, which was the business on the paper. The House was then to be adjourned until next Wednesday in order to give an opportunity for the continuance of the negotiations at Lemberg regarding the reform of the elections to the Provincial Diet.

After the conference the Ruthenian Club met in order to decide upon its attitude towards the proposals of the conference.

When the Lower House reassembled at 1-45 the President announced that, in view of the simultaneous plenary sitting of the Austrian Delegation, the sitting would be closed and another would be held at seven o'clock, at which a vote would be taken. The announcement was quietly received, and the Ruthenian party announced its adhesion to the course of procedure decided upon at the conference of party leaders.

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Pekin, Dec. 13.

...nd the siege of ...ch of the great ... a precautionary ... at Tien Tsin. ... German, Russian, ... contingents, to ... engaged in com- ...wres, under the ... commander. Russia has now announced that she means to withdraw her troops, as order prevails throughout the Imperial province of Pechi-li.

Russia's action has been decided upon without consulation with any other Power—except, perhaps, France. The foreign Embassies strongly deprecate the withdrawal of troops, for though Pekin is quiet, the Mongols near Kalgan have assumed a menacing attitude towards Europeans.

UNHAPPY STOWAWAYS.

Rome, Dec. 15

Before the White Star liner Adriatic left America on her latest voyage to Italy 50 Italian emigrants who desired to return to their homes paid 20 dollars (£4) each to members of the crew for the privilege of being allowed to stow away on board the vessel. The Italians were locked in one of the holds, and they remained there without food or water for three days. At the end of that time they could stand their sufferings no longer, and they broke out of the hold and confessed to the fraud they had perpetrated upon the owners of the steamer. Subsequently ten members of the crew who had stowed the emigrants away were placed under arrest.

PANAMA CANAL REVIEW.

Berlin, Dec. 15.

Germany has decided to send a Naval squadron to take part in the International review to be held in Hampton Roads, Virginia, in 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canel. A prince of the Royal House is likely to accompany the squadron.

MOUNTED POLICE CHARGE WOMEN.

London, Dec. 15.

In spite of a police prohibition order 200 suffragettes yesterday started to march to Bow with the intention of making a demonstration against certain councilors. Mounted constables charged the crowd and injured several women and children, in addition to arresting Miss Emerson as well as three men who attempted to rescue her.

BOER FARMERS ALARMED.

Pretoria, Dec. 15.

Persistent reports that the Swazis were rising led to the farmers in Eastern Transvaal forming laggers last week. Careful inquiries have, however, shown that the reports were groundless, and in consequence the farmers are returning to their homes.

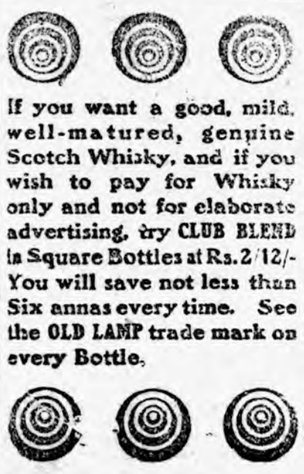
LORD ROSEBERY & THE BABIES.

An announcement which struck cold to his heart, said Lord Rosebery at a dinner of electrical engineers in Glasgow, was that there was a shortage of 500,000 babies. This was one of the worst symptoms of modern civilisation

He was, he supposed, expected to comfort himself on the birth of a eugenic baby—(laughter)—but he had difficulty in knowing what a eugenic baby might be. He had no hope of living to see how it might develope, but one eugenic baby left 499,999 short of the number we ought to possess, and he confessed he would rather see them produced under less favourable circumstances than this eugenic baby than rejoice in the advent of this miraculous infant. (Laughter.)

1,200-VOLT LINE IN HOLLAND.

A short interurban traction line is now in operation in Holland connecting Leyden with the two towns of Katwyk and Noordwyk. It runs on the continuous current 1,200-volt system and is standard gage, using double track for the most part. After leaving the city limits, the road reaches the town of Rynsburg three miles away, and at this point it divides into two branches which run to the two places just named, these being sea beaches on the North Sea, lying at 5 and 7 miles respectively from town. Current comes directly from the Leyden central station without the use of substations. Trolley wires are held by middle poles between tracks carrying double bracket arms. Trains run every half-hour and are made up of a motor car and two trailers. Motor cars have two end cabins for controllers and carry two 100 horse-power motors which take current at 1,200 volts by pantagraph trolley.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THE CONGRESS.

PROCEEDINGS ON THE LAST DAY.

MR. BHUPENDRANATH BASU ON THE PRESS ACT.

[Associated Press.]

Karachi, Dec. 28.

The Congress resumed its sittings today at one o'clock.

Sardar Nand Singh moved the resolution protesting against the prohibition of Indian emigration resulting from the Continuous Journey Clause in Canada, and urging upon the Imperial Government the necessity of securing the repeal of that regulation. The speaker said that instead of bringing glad tidings, Christmas week had brought deplorable tales from Canada and other Colonies. In this matter the Sikhs were feeling that injustice had been done to India and that the treatment accorded to Indians by colonists was unjust and cruel.

Babu Krishna Kumar Mitter, in seconding, said the world was God's and all men had the right of free access to all parts of the world. This elementary principle had been forgotten by many races and countries, and this was the rootcause of the troubles of Indians in the colonies. That insincere and cowardly law, the Continuous Journey regulation was passed because sober Indians were sober, industrious and frugal.

Mir Ayub Khan, a prominent leader of the Mahomedan community, supported the resolution in a forcible speech. He said that his sympathies had always been with the aims of the Congress. There had always been something against Mahomedans, but since the Congress had extended its hand to the Mahomedans the latter were willing to join the Congress. The welfare of the nation could not be attained without the joint labours of the two great communities in India. He appealed to the people to contribute to the South African and Canadian funds.

Pundit Rambhoy Dutt also supported the resolution which was carried.

THE PRESS ACT.

Mr. Bhupendra Nath Basu moved the resolution protesting against the continuation of the Indian Press Act on the Statute Book, and urging its repeal, especially in view of the recent decision of the High Court of Calcutta, which declared that the safeguards provided by the Act were illusory and incapable of being enforced.

In moving the resolution, Mr. Basu said:—

"I am dealing now with a piece of panic legislation. The Government of India, like all other Governments, with not always an easy conscience, is liable to panic, but unlike other Governments, the Government of British India must not forget that its position is peculiar and nothing is more calculated to do it harm than its liability to panic, and nothing more dangerous than hasty action undertaken in fear or anger. Sedition may pass like the break of the wind, anarchy may raise its matted locks in dark and unholy corners, but that may also go. But what will not go is the impression that a handful of boys with explosives in discarded tin pots, that a few hysterical newspapers may disturb the equilibrium of the Government of India and bring it down head over heels; and that is what happened in 1910. The Indian Press was liberated in 1837 amidst circumstances of great solemnity, with a declaration that boldly looked the future in the face. The early rulers of India were not timid men, were not frightened of shadows, not even those who carried their hearts on their sleeves. Not men who troubled themselves with continental analogies, not men who ran to Austria or Russia for models of Government.

RESCUING INDIA.

They rescued India from misrule and anarchy. They wrested the dominion of India from the French, they wanted to give India the benefits of British administration, they wanted to infuse the country with the spirit of British rule. These were men who wielded alike the sword and the pen and were at home alike in the busy haunts of men and in the seclusion of the Council Chamber. This is what Sir Charles Metcalfe, the liberator of the Indian Press, said to a deputation that waited on him in 1837, with reference to those who were opposed to the removal of the licensing laws for the Press: "If their argument be true that the spread of knowledge may be ultimately fatal to our rule in India, I close with them on that point, and maintain that whatever may be the consequence it is our duty to communicate the benefits of knowledge. If India could only be preserved as a part of the British Empire by keeping the inhabitants in a state of ignorance, our dominion would be a curse to the country and ought to cease.'

These said the speaker were memorable words, and their grave significance should never be lost sight of. Unfortunately they were lost sight of in 1910, and the Government of India took a hasty and hurried step towards what Sir Charles Metcalfe sought to avoid. Did they think by the law they were passing they were killing sedition? Did they believe that they were choking off the subterranean channels through moisture brought to that plant of noisesome growth? They must have. But the question may be asked, have they succeeded? The success is writ in large characters for the man who runs to read, and so it was anticipated by those whom panic and passion had not blinded to reason, and sedition driven underground is more dangerous than sedition whose roots you can reach. With our eyes open we barred our way to the sources of the danger and, gentlemen, it was not as if there was no law dealing with sedition. It was not as if we had not succeeded in suppressing newspapers which were offending in Bengal.

"SALVING" A CONSCIENCE.

"You will allow me to pass to another branch of the subject. The Government of India had to put a salve on their own conscience. They had to reconcile the British public and a Liberal administration. They had to re-enact what Gladstone had helped in removing, and who could find for them more plausible reasons than that keen-gifted and astute scholar and politician, Sir Herbert Risley! He brought into requisition the laws prevailing in Austria, and said that we in India should be better off than in Austria. The Bill did not, Sir Herbert said, propose to confer any power on the Police I think there is a difference between the Police and the C. I. D. The one is open, public, the other secret, subterranean; and Sir Herbert was only thinking of the public police, keeping the C. I. D. in reserve. Sir Herbert Risley had not only to throw dust in the eyes of the British public, he had also to re-introduce on a much larger scale what Gladstone had repealed, namely, the Vernacular Press Act of 1878, and he pointed out the difference: that it was not like the Press Act of 1878, a purely executive measure. The initiative indeed rests with the Executive Government, but ample security against hasty or arbitrary action is provided in the form of what is virtually an appeal to a highly competent judicial authority. This does not rest on the elusive assurance of an astute statesman.

SAFEGUARDS AND HOW THEY WORK.

The Law Member at the time whose honesty and candour are above all question, said in words of great emphasis that he had provided safeguards which would make a local Government hesitate before it made an order of forfeiture because there was a tribunal which would sit over it and reverse its decision. There was another safeguard under section 4 of the Act, by which the local Governments have to state the offending words, signs or visible representations. These were the safeguards: the local Governments would have to particularize the offence, and there would be the right of appeal. Well, no local Government did set out particulars. In a recent case the High Court of Bengal held that the declaration of forfeiture was invalid and illegal and alleged that the invalidity was protected by section 22 of the Act and the High Court has no power to interfere. Then, as regards the safeguard of appeal, this is what the Chief Justice has said: 'Of the two alleged checks on executive action supposed to be furnished by the Act, one intervention of the courts is ineffectual, while the other for this very reason can be, and in this case has been, disregarded without impairing the practical effect of a forfeiture purporting to be under the Act.' Well, gentlemen, this is what we have come to. We have a special law of a very drastic nature without any safeguards. We say that law is not necessary. We say that law can never serve the purpose for which it was intended. We say that law will make the criminal administration more difficult, because it will shut out the sources of information.

"A WET CLOTH."

We say that it will make the general administration of the country a matter of grave concern; for it will act as a wet cloth on all expressions of public opinion. We say that, situated as the Government of India is, foreign in its composition, and aloof in its character, that law is against the spirit of the British constitution, that it is degrading to the self-respect of a nation, of a people if you will, which is fast developing itself towards consciousness, and we say on the authority of the highest tribunal that the safeguards supposed to be provided do not exist, and we appeal to the Government of Lord Hardinge,—who has shown a courage in his treatment of great and burning questions, like the partition of Bengal, the grievances of Indians in South Africa, just indignation over the Mosque bungle in Cawnpore, comparable only to early administrators of India—to remove a dark and inglorious spot in what is justly regarded as the brightest jewel in the British diadem."

Mr. D. G. Dalvi of Bombay seconded the resolution. He said that though he agreed on general principles with the Bill when it came on to the Statute Books, he was of opinion that it should have been repealed after four years. The Press Act was introduced when there was sedition in the country. Now the panic was over, the law should be repealed. The so-called anarchy and bomb-throwing had nothing to do with the Press in general. The police, having this weapon, carried on prosecutions in haphazard manner. It was essential that the executive power should be under the authority of High Courts.

The resolution was carried.

The Congress next recorded its sense of appreciation of the services of Sir William Wedderburn and other members of the British Committee.

MESSAGE TO MR. GANDHI.

A resolution was moved from the chair that the following message be sent to Mr. Gandhi and it was carried unanimously.—"The twenty-eighth Indian National Congress, Karachi, expresses deep indignation at the ill-treatment of Indian strikers in Natal and accords cordial support of your request for the extension of the composition of the Enquiry Commission, by the addition of two gentlemen, enjoying the confidence of Indians in South Africa, and fervently trusts that your demand will be satisfied so as to secure a full and impartial enquiry. India is at your back, in your struggle, heart and soul."

Mr. Wacha, on behalf of himself and Mr. Khari, said their present retirement from the secretaryship of the Congress Committee was in no way due to want of interest. On the contrary it would last as long as health permitted them. This Congress had now been twenty-eight years in existence. It had passed through many a phase—ridicule, contempt and obloquy. The Congress now was entering on a new era when they were shaking hands with their Moslem brethren; a new star had arisen for the Congress and the course of that star would shape the future destiny of the Congress. He said: "We shall go step by step to reach the goal of self-government, and in that self-government the Congress will find a new Jerusalem. It will be a course sometimes of storm and stress but we can only reach our goal step by step, that goal which will crown us with success. Let it be self-Government."

THE END.

In his concluding speech, the President said: "It is not necessary for me to sum up the work accomplished during the last three days. I will only repeat what my predecessors have said so often, that the work of this Congress is by no means over with the three days' sessions. These three days make only a starting point and a guide for continued and steady work in the course of a year that opens out before us. I do not wish to indulge in commonplaces, but let me impress upon you that the Congress is not concerned with any work of momentary or local importance, nor with the accomplishment of violated objects. It aims at sustained and systematic work towards continuous progress, including peace and plenty, self-improvement and solidarity. The Indian National Congress is not an annual show, but is an organisation designed to stimulate and guide serious national work in which all who have confidence in the country's advancement on modern lines.

ABSENCE OF "INDIAN STALWARTS."

Allahabad, Dec. 28.

The *Pioneer*, commenting on the Congress states:—"After all is said and done, when the session is over, India will stand precisely where it did, and we shall all, Hindu, no less than Christian, forget there is such a thing as the Congress, till the time comes for another session. What more eloquent testimony to the inutility of the Congress as a political institution could be provided than by the abstention from its proceedings of so many of Indian stalwarts. Are they all under doctor's orders like Mr. Gokhale, or is it not that they, too, recognise that with the

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MOSLEM EDUCATION.

CONCLUSION OF THE AGRA CONFERENCE.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

AGRA, Dec. 28.

The Mahomedan Educational Conference held its last sitting this morning when educational reports of the Bengal, Oudh and Delhi provinces were presented. Mr. Wahid Hossain, in presenting the Bengal report, described certain disadvantages under which Mahomedans in that province had to labour owing to the want of good teachers of Persian. He urged the appointment of special Mahomedan educational officers by Government, who would look after Mahomedan interests. He complained that there was no Mahomedan on the Text Book Committee and the result was Mahomedans had to read text books which contained extracts from the "Ramayana" and "Mahabharata."

A resolution urging the appointment of special Mahomedan educational officers was adopted.

Mahammad Khaliluddin, mechanical engineer, delivered a lecture on mechanical education, which excited great interest, and the suggestion was adopted that the lecture should be published and distributed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Shafi, a resolution was adopted urging the necessity of constituting an enquiry into the history of Mahomedan educational endowments, and that a committee should be formed for this purpose. The work was, however, entrusted to the standing committee of the Educational Conference at Aligarh.

The Hon. Mr. Abdul Roof, Allahabad, in the course of a speech strongly advocated primary education, but opposed the inclusion of Hindu characters in the readers for primary schools.

Major Syed Hasan Belgrami, I. M. S. (retired), in his lecture on primary education, favoured discrimination of education through Government agency, on exactly similar lines to those laid down by the Hon. Mr. Gokhale. He regretted that Government should give preference to other items of public expenditure over education and shelve the question of compulsory primary education on the grounds of cost. He strongly supported Mr. Gokhale in claiming that primary education in a compulsory form would bring salvation to India and said in his opinion it would benefit Musulmmans more than the other communities.

Dissatisfaction was expressed at the number of Mahomedans now engaged in teaching and the Government was urged to allot forty per cent. of educational posts to Mahomedans. The Conference also favoured the creation of a board for the final vernacular and scholarship examination, similar to that of the board for school-leaving certificate.

SOCIAL REFORM.

PROCEEDINGS AT KARACHI GATHERING.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

KARACHI, Dec. 29.

The twenty-sixth Social Conference met this morning in the Congress pandal.

The proceedings commenced with an inaugural address by Sir Narayanrao G. Chandavarkar, General Secretary of the Conference. He said it was his duty to recount the achievements and failures during the past year of social reform, to point out the mischief arising from infant marriage, forced widowhood, caste system and polygamy; but the discussions on those subjects were worn out themes, considering the fact that the two absorbing subjects of the day were swadeshi banks failures and the sufferings of Indians in South Africa. The last two problems might seem to be at first sight economical and political problems, but really they were social problems. He wanted to put these problems in their social aspect for the social problem lay at the root of all problems.

THE BANK FAILURES.

Referring to the failure of swadeshi banks, he said that officials had all along been urging commercial education and Indian patriots had said that the people of India were falling off because of their spiritualtiy. Literary education was condemned both by Europeans and Indians alike. Over and above that came the problem of politics, which followed on its wake, viz, the unfortunate spirit of the extremists and anarchy which every sane man would condemn. The result was that swadeshism became the rage of many and the sudden growth of industrial enterprises followed. But those pseudo-swadeshi institutions were built on a foundation of sand. Commerce meant credit and credit meant character and therein came the social problem. Before they had the economical man they must have the social man. The men who started those banks soon became Napoleons of commerce; they soon became rich with other peoples' money. Unfortunately they were not, at least in Bombay, men of character. Cleverness passed for character. The result was the failure of banks and untold misery of thousands. The present crisis had set back the commercial evolution of the country by fifty years.

SOUTH AFRICA.

As regards the South African question, he said it was a food problem, or rather a race problem. Men and women suffering there would be excommunicated by their castemen when they returned to India because they had gone to a foreign country. Social reform—which led them to go there—was also inspiring the people in India with social progress.

Dewan Kanramal Chandanmal, in his presidential address, spoke of the new age—the new awakening—which had dawned and the spirit of which was in all parts of the world for the past half a century.

Never before, he said, was the situation of the Social Reform movement in India so abundantly hopeful as it was to-day. The educated classes had begun to grow more enthusiastic. The mercantile classes and the communities which had not received the blessings of higher education and who formed a far larger body than the educated classes, were beginning to take a keener interest in the social and economic welfare of themselves and were now recognising the need of such reforms as the fusion of sub-castes, removal of child-marriage, education of women-kind, etc. Even the so-called masses and the depressed classes were awakening out of their centuries of sleep and stupefaction. To be saved as a nation and a race then must get rid of caste.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

Coming to the question of the education of women, the speaker said that according to the census of 1911 no less than 99 per cent. of the females were illiterate, languishing in spirit and mind, for want of knowledge. As a result of this inexcusable ignorance, countless infants and children died every year, boys and girls grow up in superstition and ignorance, homes were divided against themselves, all reform movements and progress were hampered, and the life of the whole nation was largely paralyzed. Under these circumstances education of the right kind was the only remedy and no pains should be spared to spread it in every nook and corner of the country.

Regarding the question of monogamy he mentioned the union of Princess Indira of Baroda with a prince of Cooch Behar, who so lately became the Maharajah of that State. With all the history behind it, this was one of the most welcome marriages and this union of "Bengal with Baroda," as it was called by the Bengalees, could not but lead to a larger number of such inter-caste and inter-provincial marriages.

A very large body of Hindoos was in favour of legalized monogamous marriage, and inter-marriage and for this purpose they required a law. In his opinion, a Theists' Marriage Act, without the negative declarations such as had to be made when marrying according to the Act of 1872, would not only solve most of the difficulties that the Basu Bill wanted to meet, but would save also the soul of marriage, which was its spiritual character. All those liberal Hindoos, Mahomedans, Christians or Parsees, who believe in God, could avail themselves of such a law, and as for those who were agnostics or atheists, they could marry according to the present Act of 1872 and declare openly that they were neither Hindoos nor Moslems, etc., for surely such people could not claim themselves as members of these religious communities. Such an Act would provide against polygamy, would legalize all inter-marriages between people of different castes and creeds, and in addition would preserve all the religious and spiritual character of marriage. The times urgently required that polygamy should be provided against: the institution was as antiquated as polyandry was now and just as that had disappeared this also should go. The whole country should unite in removing this palpable injustice to its womankind, this chief source of disunion in the home and the family, and this blot to its civilization.

RE-MARRIAGE OF WIDOWS.

Speaking on the question of re-marriage of widows, the president said that the history of widows' woes made up a most terrible tale of sin and shame. It was not the widow alone who was responsible for the terrible results. The whole Hindoo Society was equally responsible for them, because it prevented her from re-marrying and thus drove her to the path of sin.

The anti-nautch movement and the removal of mock purdah were the other subjects to which he invited the earnest attention of reformers. The ruinous dowry system, which was the cause of the ruin of many respectable families, also deserved serious consideration. A most ruinous custom prevailed here, among Amils especially, as amongst the Patidars of Gujarat and among certain communities of Bengal, and it was that of taking large dowries with brides. This system had brought ruin in its train to several families and its oppressive weight had been so crushing in its effects that the birth of a daughter, instead of being welcomed as much as that of a son, was considered very often as a serious evil and the question of her marriage would hang heavily night and day upon the bosom of the parents, particularly if they were of a poorer class.

The custom of having nautches was particularly objectionable, inasmuch as their nautch women were avowed victims of vice. The difference between European dancing and Indian dancing was vast in as much as there were some very honourable and high-class ladies who performed public dances, which were not connected with vice as they were in India.

At the conclusion of the President's address the usual resolutions, including advocacy of widow re-marriage, the protection of minor girls, raising of the depressed classes, and raising the marriageable age were passed.

THE SARASWATS.

KARWAR, Dec. 29.

The fifth session of the U. C. S. B. Parishad commenced its proceedings here under the presidency of the Hon. Mr. B. S. Kamat of Poona. The attendance was large and included over 300 delegates and 400 visitors from different parts of the country. The movement aims at the amalgamation of different subjects of the Saraswat community.

The president pointed out in a forcible speech the educational needs of the Saraswats and their social requirements. He dwelt on a practical type of education for women and advocated the overcoming of prejudice by individual example and firmness. Miss Thakur, the first Hindu lady M. A. from the Presidency, and a Gowd Saraswat by caste, who specially attended the sitting, was warmly cheered.

A donation of Rs. 5,000 from a widowed lady, Bai Saraswatibai, for a hostel, was announced.

COMMISSIONER'S GARDEN PARTY.

The Communal Conferences which are being held here have brought many distinguished Indian visitors to Agra. Mr. J. W. Hose, I. C. S., Commissioner, Agra Division, gave an "At Home" yesterday evening, at which the following distinguished Indian Chiefs and gentlemen were present:—His Highness the Maharaja of Kashmir, who was accompanied by his Chief Minister, Private Secretary and Military Secretary; Raja Sheomangal Singh of Mainpuri, the Hon. Raja Khushal Pal Singh, M. A., of Kotla; Thakur Dilan Pal Singh; Kumarthri Harbhanji (retired Deputy Commissioner); Mr. Justice Shah Din, Judge, Punjab Chief Court; the Hon. Khan Bahadur Mohamad Shafi; Nawab Ishaq Khan, Secretary of the M. A. O. College, Aligarh; Nawab Hafi Mahomed Ismail Khan; and Mr. Mahomed Ali, District and Sessions Judge.

THE RAILWAYS AND THEIR COAL.

NEW DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

SOME PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED.

In the course of his report on the working of the coal department of the Railway Board, Mr. B. W. Church said:—

In this first report on the working of the State Railways' Coal Department it will, perhaps, not be considered amiss to refer briefly to certain matters connected with the coal trade in India, and particularly to railway practice in relation to both the supply and the treatment of Indian coal.

The questions to which it is desired to draw attention here, may be divided broadly into two groups. With the first of these two groups the Coal Department, as it is now constituted, must always be closely concerned. It comprises problems relating to the screening of coal at the pits, the standard sizing of coal—regarding which no effective steps appear so far to have been taken by the trade to standardise practice in this country—the friability of different coals, their relative capacity to withstand transport and handling and the permissible percentages of dust and small coal in consignments under delivery to ports or stations in different parts of the country. This latter question involves the standardisation of screening tests, and uniformity of practice with reference to the types of screens used, the kind of mesh, the sizes of mesh, and the procedure in sampling. In connection with this series of problems also must be considered the question of the basis upon which penalties should be devised, not only for excess percentages of small and dust, but for the supply of inferior coal or for coal containing quantities of stone and shale or other impurities. There appears at present to be no guiding principle recognised when assessing penalties for such deficiencies; nor is there at present anything approaching uniformity of practice with regard to screening tests, either in the fields or on the railways. With the institution of the Coal Department the necessity for uniformity of practice on both questions has become very apparent; and the existence of the Department should itself both accelerate and facilitate standardisation, for which indeed, failing the formation of an Engineering Standards Committee in India, as in South Africa, with a Chemical Sub-Committee to deal with questions relating both to the coal trade and to the metallurgical industries, probably no better instrument could be devised than the State Railways' Coal Department which is in the closest touch with the trade on the one hand, and with the railways on the other.

COKING.

There is yet another series of problems connected with this first group of questions claiming attention from all the parties interested, and this time the matters at issue turn on the development of the coking industry, and on the selection of coals most suitable for smithy purposes. The coking industry is at present somewhat backward, and is not in a very satisfactory condition. The quality of the coke that is produced is susceptible of improvement, and its price is high. One of the defects of Indian coals is their excessive percentage of ash. Whether or not the bulk of this impurity is capable of elimination by washing the coal depends mainly upon the manner of its distribution throughout the mass of the combustible. A coal may be in other respects a good coking coal, but if the incombustible matter in its composition is distributed throughout the mass in a very finely divided condition, washing the pulverised coal has little or no effect, and that coal is, if the percentage of ash be high (as it is in all Indian coals, as compared with English coals) practically useless for coke. Desultory experiments have, it is true, been carried out by certain firms from time to time with a view to ascertaining whether or not better results could be obtained by washing previous to coking; but a quick and sure way of obtaining the desired information is the comparatively simple one of taking "X"-Ray photographs of the coal. The information given by such photographs will generally indicate at once whether or not further experiment has any chances of being fruitful, or not. There is room here for much valuable research; and it is a matter in which further information would be as serviceable to the Coal Department and to consumers as to the coal trade itself. But there are other matters connected with the production of coke in India that demand attention. More especially some improvement seems to be called for in methods, which, as at present in vogue at many Indian collieries are somewhat primitive and wasteful. Our interest in this aspect of the question lies in the fact that it is the consumer, ultimately, who has to pay for the wastage. With the production of coal in India what it now is, it seems anomalous, and it is not to the ultimate advantage of either the North-Western Railway or the coal trade, that the former should still find it necessary to obtain its supplies of both hard and soft coke from England in preference to the local market. The matter assumes importance in view of the present strong tendency to increase the use of cast iron in preference to timber sleepers.

FUEL WASTAGE.

Turning now to the second group of problems, it will readily be seen that whereas the formation of the Coal Department has provided an instrument for maintaining the general quality of deliveries, and for enabling the railways the better to select the fuel required for their own purposes, according to the conditions of each, yet the position as regards the actual effective utilisation of the fuels—their economical handling, proper firing, and suitable treatment with reference to furnace and draught arrangements, remains exactly where it always has been in India, where it still is in many cases abroad, but far behind the position assumed towards the full problem by the most progressive administrations both in Europe and in America.

In short, instead of fighting the fuel problem all along the line, the battle is being taken up only in one corner of the field. The solution of the subtle and elusive problems of fuel wastage in the locomotive yards and on the locomotive itself are left to the district officers to solve individually. There is no co-ordination of effort. In the pursuit of efficiency, experiments are being continually repeated on different engine runs, on different districts, and on different railways, from month to month and from year to year. And there is nothing to show for it. There is no material progress; and there is a great amount of wasted energy—for want of co-ordination, and it must be added, for want of certain knowledge of the fuels being dealt with which the Coal Department is accumulating.

Let it be admitted at once that with the work it has already in hand, and as it is at present, constituted, at any rate the State Railways' Coal Department can do very little, if anything, to assist railways in this matter. But for a proper appreciation of the best mode of dealing with a description of coal it is necessary to have some knowledge of its chemical as well as of its physical characteristics. Apart from the regrettable fact that in some cases, at least, the possession of the information would not enable the locomotive man to get ahead with his fuel efficiency campaign under present-day conditions the district officer is far too busy with routine duties that must be done, and with matters demanding immediate attention and decision in the regular course of railway operation, to be able to devote either regular or detailed attention to questions which may indeed affect the amount of fuel consumed on his district, but will not make any difference to the amount of the loads his engines can pull. Nor supposing that he can find time for experiments with his fuel, will he pass on his results to his neighbours. He, and they, will continue groping in the dark and repeating each others failures, until measures be taken for enabling the results of such experiments, wherever obtained, to be recorded, collated, and analysed with a view to future progress—not merely on individual districts, but on whole systems.

It will perhaps, be objected that our Indian indifference in this matter reflects established British practice, as regards fuel consumption on railways. Without in any way admitting that this, if it is British practice, is sound practice, it must be noted that we are not dealing with English coals, and that so far form slavishly following British practice in a matter which is of such great financial importance to the railways as the fuel bill is, it is most desirable, in the interests of the "net profits," if for no more exalted reasons, that pains should be taken thoroughly to investigate and to understand the methods of treatment best suited to the different grades of Indian coal. For, let it be clearly noted the treatment that is best for English steam coals is almost certainly very ill-adapted for economical operation with Indian coals, whose nature is entirely distinct from that of the coals to which locomotive men recruited from England are commonly accustomed.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

There is without a doubt a vast amount of work to be done here: and with the rapidly increasing consumption of fuel on Indian railways and the rising price of coal—for it must inevitably rise as the workings get deeper—the sooner it is tackled the better. To take an illustration: the annual fuel-bill of one of our larger railways is roughly three-quarters of a million sterling. On that line very close attention has been paid to the question of fuel consumption. The actual results achieved, however, are far from commensurate with the amount of trouble taken in the Head Office because of the want co-ordination of results and the want of certain information, and the want of reasonable opportunities for working out the details of the problem on the districts. The organisation for checking results on that line is superb: over a million tons of coal have been passed through bulk trials and the figures subjected to examination in the Head Office. But there is no organisation at all for collective effort to be directed towards the improvement of results, which is the real object aimed at. Figures are indispensable for judging performances, but presented alone, they are utterly ineffective for the purpose of improving performances, beyond the mere process of "tail-twisting," the efficacy of which is limited.

It may, perhaps, be said that this is a matter of detail to be dealt with by the Railway Administration. That is not the view taken in the United States of America, where the efficient utilisation of the various coals, and their proper treatment under various conditions and different services, it the special concern of the bureau of Mines, an offshoot of the United States of America Geological Survey, of which it is now independent though under the control of the same Government Department. The Bureau of Mines co-operates directly with the railways in the solution of the many difficult problems that present themselves for solution in connection with the efficient utilisation of fuel on locomotives, and publishes the results in a series of Bulletins, of which a limited number of copies are printed for free distribution to responsible officials.

The arguments which it is desired to press here, is, that in attending to the selection and inspection of our fuel supplies, and letting the question of the utilisation of the fuel drift, we are not obtaining the full advantage of the machinery which has already been provided for ensuring the best selection of the fuels. For the two processes—that of selection and that of utilisation and treatment—are to a large exten complementary. All the care taken in the selection of the coal may be thrown away if the coal is not carred for properly by the operating staff on the railway; and on the other hand the best selection cannot be made with certainty without some knowledge of the arrangements that can be made or may be necessary in pracice, in order to obtain the best effect from each of the coals from which the selection is to to be made.

There is yet a further strong argument for taking steps to investigate thoroughly the methods that can be adopted in practice for obtaining the maximum degree of efficiency from India coals. That is, that whereas the underground supplies of first-class coal in India are decidedly limited even by the most optimistic estimates, there appear to be enormous reserves of second-class and inferior fuels which sooner later, railways will have to make use of, and to an annually increasing extent.

In any event, when it is considered that 1 per cent. variation in the consumption of fuel on the North-Western Railway alone means a loss—or a gain—of over a lakh of rupees to the Government of India, the desirability of taking steps to ensure that any variation that may occur shall be in the direction of a gain, passes beyond the realms of mere argument.

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SCIENCE NOTES.

ELECTRIC WINDOW-CLEANING.

According to a press report, Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the Kaiser, has invented and patented and electrical device for cleaning the windows of automobiles in rainy or frosty weather. The device is set in operation by the pressing of a button.

RETURN OF PEARY'S RECORD.

It is reported, says the *Scientific American*, that the record deposited by Peary in a cairn at Navy Cliff on the northeast coast of Greenland in July 1892, has been returned by Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer who found the record. The Danish government, to whom the record was sent by Rasmussen, has officially transmitted it to Admiral Peary.

ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATION.

The results of Anti-typhoid Inoculation among the French troops in Algeria and Morocco during 1912 were reported by Prof. Vincent at the recent International Medical Congress in London. In western Morocco, while about sixteen per cent among the non-inoculated contracted the disease, only one in 5,000 among the inoculated did so.

ELECTRIC BULLETIN BOARD.

A large electric news bulletin board has been erected in Dayton, Ohio, with which news is spelled out in luminous letters measuring 28 by 22 inches. The announcements may be read at a distance of four blocks. The board has a capacity of four lines of fifteen letters to the line, and is operated by a key-board similar to that of the typewriter.

RUBBER FROM WILD LETTUCE.

A study by C. P. Fox of two species of wild lettuce, *Lactuca canadensis* and *L. Scariola*, both common in the northern United States, shows that the former contains 2·19 and the latter 1·58 per cent of a good quality of rubber. As the plants also contain lactucarium, which is a recognized drug, it is suggested that they might be profitably exploited for both these these products.

HANN'S LEHRBUCH DER METEOROLOGIE.

There is perhaps no branch of science in which a single text-book holds a more dominant place than does Hann's *Lehrbuch* in meteorology. It is therefore, interesting to learn from a note in *Science* that a revised edition of this work is in an advanced stage of preparation and will shortly begin to appear in parts. The author expects to complete the work in the autumn of 1914.

INTENSITY OF SUNLIGHT.

The Chemical Intensity of Sunlight, together with its fluctuations, has been investigated by a great variety of methods, with hardly comparable results. One of the latest undertakings of this kind was carried out at the Hawaiian Agricultural Experiment Station, in co-operation with the Philippine Bureau of Science. Using a solution of oxalic acid in the presence of uranium acetate, it was found that the actinic effect of the sun was highest at the spring and fall equinoxes, and lowest at the summer and winter solstices.

SOCIAL STATISTICS.

An international institute is being formed to collect and compile figures on subjects which are barometers of financial, industrial, trade or social conditions. It is proposed that monthly figures of the subjects mentioned shall be cabled by the different nations on a given day each month to the office of the institute for immediate publication in a form ready for comparative use by business men. There is no doubt a great scope for work of this kind, and it is to be hoped that the proposed international institute may fulfil successfully this very important function.

ASHOKAN DAM SHAFT.

With the exception of some finishing work in the Garrison tunnel, the Catskill Aqueduct is now practically completed from High Falls to Hillsville Reservoir, which lies on the outskirts of New York city. On November 11th water from the Ashokan Dam was sent through one of the great shafts of the Aqueduct, namely, shaft No. 1, which is situated at Stone Ridge. The water reaches a point seven hundred feet below the surface, at which level it is carried below the Rondout Valley for a distance of about six miles. The test was completely successful. Other shafts will be tested in the same way, successively, until the whole system has been tried out.

A SOOT AND DUST GAGE.

According to the *Electrician*, an organized attempt to measure, by means of instruments standardized by the Smoke Abatement Committee, the extent of the soot and dust existing in the atmosphere of several large towns and cities in the United Kingdom has been undertaken, commencing from the first of the present month. The instrument to be used follows the principle of the rain gage a given area being exposed to catch all solid matter that either falls by gravity or is borne down by rain. This is collected in a glass receiver placed beneath a duct leading from the collecting surface. The receiver will be removed once a month and replaced by a fresh one.

A READING OPTOPHONE.

A year ago an instrument was developed which enabled a blind person to discover the whereabouts of windows, lights and light objects, by sound. This instrument, known as the optophone, made use of the varying resistances of selenium cells when exposed to light, and made known the presence of light by means of a telephone. The apparatus has since been improved to the extent that it is now possible for a blind person to read type. So far the smallest type that may be successfully read is an inch high and it must be photographed white, as a transparency. The letters give various characteristic sounds. As described in the *Electrician*, "the two vertical strokes of H or M give a chaos of notes, the middle stroke of N gives a falling gamut, the three horizontal strokes of E give a chord and the curved lines of O and S give characteristic flourishes of sound. The alphabet of capitals can be learned in about an hour, and once learned, the process of reading may become as rapid as that of reading by sight."

LORD ROSEBERY ON FACT AND LEGEND.

LADY STAIR'S HOUSE AS A MUSEUM.

A DELIGHTFUL SPEECH.

Lord Rosebery on December 6 formally declared open Lady Stair's house in Bankstreet, Edinburgh, which he has presented to the city and which has converted into a corporation museum. been Lord Provost Inches presided.

Lord Rosebery said :—I think of all persons who are least qualified to open a museum of this kind it is the person who has had the privilege of offering it to the city. This function ought, therefore in my judgment to have been entrusted to some third and more capable hand, and for that purpose I should like to have handed it over with your permission to our friend Lord Strathclyde. At the time you asked me he had not attained his present elevation, but I have been in a constant state of commiseration with him since he was relegated to the silence of the Judicial Bench. I have constantly pointed out to him privately that I am convinced that a daily speech of at least an hour is as necessary to his digestion as grits to that of a grouse. (Laughter.) I am seriously apprehensive of the effects upon his health of the enforced and compulsory silence to which he is at present relegated. It was too late when he became Justice-General to try to fob him off with the duty with which I am entrusted ; but I do trust you will take note of the observation I am addressing to you, and not lose sight of the need of Lord Strathclyde's constitution and utilize him for every municipal purpose which you find available for him. (Laughter.)

We have all heard of the legends of Lady Stair's house. I trust that everybody here has read "My Aunt Margaret's Mirror," in which perhaps the chief of those legends is enshrined. We all know that according to Sir Walter Scott Lady Primrose went to a soothsayer, a man with a magic mirror, and in this mirror she saw her husband about to be married to somebody else in a Dutch church, and then suddenly someone whom she recognized to be her brother or half-brother rushed in and intervened, and in a duel which took place the brother or half brother was killed. Later on she was asked to forgive this recalcitrant husband by an elderly gentleman whom she soon saw to be the husband himself. I am not quite sure at this moment whether she forgave him or not, but it was not at any rate a copious or spontaneous forgiveness, and the only flaw I find in the story is this, that according to the authorities which lie before me, the main one of which is Miss Rosaline Masson's article in *Chamber's Journal* which is characterized by all the hereditary charm and talent of her name, Lord Primrose must have been quite a young man when he passed away. Afterwards the lady, being set free, marries the second Lord Stair. The other legend was this. It is of a more romantic and almost more indelicate character. Lord Stair was extremely anxious to marry this pretty widow who said she would not marry him. So to compel her to marry him he appeared in his dressing-gown at the window of her oratory or dressing-room or whatever it was in the early morning, having bribed her maid, and in this way so compromised the unhappy lady that she was compelled to marry him whether she wished it or not.

It was under the inspiration of those legends that I bought this house and restored it, and if I may say a word which is not, I hope, ungrateful to the architect I think a little over-restored it. Then there comes every sort of pestilent commentator to destroy every vestige of legend and romance that attaches to this house. First comes my friend Miss Rosaline Masson, and the story of the appearance in the dressing-gown at the window, which gives much charm to the courtship of Lord Stair (laughter), is demolished by the fact that six years before Lord Stair appeared in his dressing-gown at the window he had secretly married the lady in London. The certificate has been found. That was bad enough. I staggered under the blow. But after that there comes another commentator who good naturedly points out that the house never belonged to that Lady Stair at all. It turns out that it belonged not to the second Lady Stair but to the first Lady Stair, the wife of the Lord Stair who was concerned in the affair of Glencoe.

Now let us try to reconcile tradition to these disgusting facts. (Laughter.) Surely there can be nothing more reasonable than to believe that the second Lord Stair, being very much attached to Lady Primrose, might have asked his mother to invite her for a prolonged stay to her house in Edinburgh, more especially as according to another commentator, he had long been secretly married to her. It is also possible that Lady Stair even before the marriage might have invited this lady to stay with her and that from there she went to see the magic mirror. Then we come to the affair of the dressing-gown. Lord Stair had been married so Lady Stair six years when he appeared at her window in his dressing-gown and though the marriage was not known in Edinburgh there was nothing at all wrong or indiscreet in his appearance in the dressing-gown. He only forgot for a moment that his marriage had not been published. Don't you legend in this way, that we arrive at an accommodation between fact and which which is eminently satisfactory to those who, like myself, much prefer legend to fact? (Laughter.)

I have to express the real joy it is to me to be connected with this house one more link with the city of Edinburgh of which I think I am now unfortunately the oldest honorary burgess and to which I am attached by so many claims of kindred ancestry. (Cheers.)

A golden key was presented to Lord Rosebery as a memento of the occasion.

KAISERIN AND ST... CHURCH:

OPPOSITION TO WITHDR... AL CAMPAIGN.

GROWING DISSENT MOVE...

It is generally in the role of plary housewife, mother and p... ress of various charitable and re... organisations that Germans are ... tomed to regard the Kaiserin, b... Majesty has appeared in a new ... that of champion of the State C... says the Berlin correspondent ... *Daily Mail*.

According to reports, as yet ... tradicted, she has departed fro... custom by interesting herself f... first time in State affairs. Abou... years ago a so-called "committee ... confessionless" was formed to ... for withdrawal from the State C...

The withdrawal movement, ... had already attained considerab... portions, has been increasing ... since then. To further the ... paganda, the committee arranged ... mass meetings to be held on ... day, in mail week, at which the... ers should advocate "massenau... from the Church.

The choice of the day dis... even a great many persons ... sympathy for the Evangelical ... is small, since Wednesday ws... pentance day," one of the ... solemn Church holy days ... entire year. The police of some ... Greater Berlin municipalities ... permission for the meetings, b... police president of Berlin propos... ed to allow the meeting sched... be held in the old city, and to... unusual step of notifying the ... heads of the other municipalities ... section. Thereupon the latter ... the permission granted by them.

HIGHER WITHDRAWAL R...

It is now reported that the p... tion of the meetings was directly ... to the action of the Kaiserin, ... deep religious convictions were ... ed by the choice of Wednesday ... the agitation. It is also unde... that her Majesty confered with ... number of dignitaries as to the ... sibility of taking steps to oppose ... growing withdrawal movement ... suggested, among other remedies ... possibility of increasing to a pr... tive figure the fees to be paid by ... sons desiring to withdraw.

At present the fees for withd... which involves a formal notarial ... are four marks. It is reported tha... Kaiserin favours an increase to a... a hundred marks, and the matter ... be brought up at the coming sessi... the Prussian Diet.

The immediate result of the Kai... intervention, however, is not en... aging. The committee of the "... fessionless" simply postponed the ... ings until Thursday and, as a re... of the advertising obtained by ... through the police prohibition, ... attendance was much larger than ... otherwise have been the case. A great number of those present signed declarations of their intention to withdraw from the Church, and hundreds of others are likely to do so in the near future.

PROP TO THE THRONE.

The exact number of withdrawals since the committee began the agitation is not known but it runs high into thousands and the movement is gathering impetus every month. A great number of withdrawals is due simply to the desire to escape the payment of Church taxes, which are collected by the State, but thousands feel that the Church is only a Government department permeated with formalism, and that the only way to bring about the separation of Church and State is by withdrawing. The Socialists whose party platform declares religion to be each man's private affair, are taking a leading part in the agitation.

Opposition to the movement thus far has been confined to moral suasion by clergymen and to isolated police action, as for instance the confiscation of committee placards announcing the places where printed forms for delaration of withdrawals may be purchased. Indications are beginning to multiply, however, that the authorities are seriously concerned by the movement. Both the Kaiser and the Kaiserin are deeply religious and moreover the Church is one of the chief prope of the Throne, and it is expected that the rulers will do everything possible to check a movement so dangerous.

Some German States have already made certain concessions, impelled by the withdrawal movement, especially along the line permitting the children of dissenting parents to receive prescribed compulsory religious instruction from non-sectarian ministers. Thus far, however, Prussia resolutely clings to compulsory orthodox religious instruction for school children.

SHORT CUTS TO WEALTH.

ECHO OF THE DUEZ SCANDAL.

The trial has just begun in Paris of Martin Gauthier, the right hand and alleged accomplice of M. Duez, the liquidator of the Church Estates, whose exploits are still fresh in the public mind. Gauthier declares that until his chief confessed he had no idea of any irregularities, yet his own account of the way in which Duez threw money about, and a considerable quantity of it his own way, reads rather strangely.

Gauthier seems says the Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* to have been a struggling hard-working clerk, with plenty of wits and ambition when Duez chose him as a suitable assistant. He says that at first there was no talk of salary, but after he had made up the dosiers of some of the liquidations Duez handed him £60, telling him that henceforth this sum would be his monthly salary. "It seemed that the gates of Eldorado were opened to me," and well it might, especially when Duez added that he intended to give Gauthier 20 per cent. of all that he made himself.

Later, when Duez was given the huge liquidation of the Christian Brethren, comprising 1800 establishments, he increased Gauthier's salary to £160 a month, which, it must be admitted, was rather large for a confidential clerk who was almost the only employee Duez engaged. In fact it was Gauthier, according to his own story, who really did almost the whole of the work, taking no holidays whereas Duez was always away enjoying himself at Nice, Biarritz, or in Italy, when he was not giving £50 notes as curlpapers to dancing girls in Paris.

...ROM THE MAIL.

...OWDEN'S LOSS.

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...N MOTOR ACCIDENT.

..., the pugilist, and this wife ... to Paris from Boulogne in ...en they ran into a gateway ...nchamps. Both Johnson ...eceived injuries about the ... were unable to resume ...til evening.

...E. DUNCAN'S CHILDREN.

...th of Mme. Isadora Dun... ...nd their governess is re... ...s now before the Paris ... Joseph Paul Morverand, ... who was driving Mme. ...r-car at the time of the ... been charged, with man...

...F LIVERY CLOTH.

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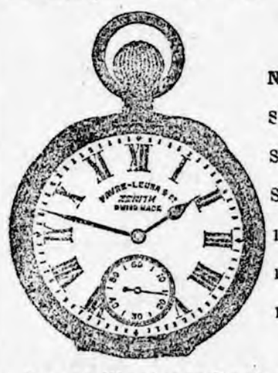

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SCIENCE NOTES.

ELECTRIC WINDOW-CLEANING.

According to a press report, Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the Kaiser, has invented and patented and electrical device for cleaning the windows of automobiles in rainy or frosty weather. The device is set in operation by the pressing of a button.

RETURN OF PEARY'S RECORD.

It is reported, says the *Scientific American*, that the record deposited by Peary in a cairn at Navy Cliff on the northeast coast of Greenland in July 1892, has been returned by Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer who found the record. The Danish government, to whom the record was sent by Rasmussen, has officially transmitted it to Admiral Peary.

ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATION.

The results of Anti-typhoid Inoculation among the French troops in Algeria and Morocco during 1912 were reported by Prof. Vincent at the resent International Medical Congress in London. In western Morocco, while about sixteen per cent among the non-inoculated contracted the disease, only one in 5,020 among the inoculated did so.

ELECTRIC BULLETIN BOARD.

A large electric news bulletin board has been erected in Dayton, Ohio, with which news is spelled out in luminous letters measuring 28 by 22 inches. The announcements may be read at a distance of four blocks. The board has a capacity of four lines of fifteen letters to the line, and is operated by a key-board similar to that of the typewriter.

RUBBER FROM WILD LETTUCE.

A study by C. P. Fox of two species of wild lettuce, *Lactuca canadensis* and *L. Scariola*, both common in the northern United States, shows that the former contains 2·19 and the latter 1·58 per cent of a good quality of rubber. As the plants also contain lactucarium, which is a recognized drug, it is suggested that they might be profitably exploited for both these these products.

HANN'S LEHRBUCH DER METEOROLOGIE.

There is perhaps no branch of science in which a single text-book holds a more dominant place than does Hann's *Lehrbuch* in meteorology. It is therefore, interesting to learn from a note in *Science* that a revised edition of this work is in an advanced stage of preparation and will shortly begin to appear in parts. The author expects to complete the work in the autumn of 1914.

INTENSITY OF SUNLIGHT.

The Chemical Intensity of Sunlight, together with its fluctuations, has been investigated by a great variety of methods, with hardly comparable results. One of the latest undertakings of this kind was carried out at the Hawaiian Agricultural Experiment Station, in co-operation with the Philippine Bureau of Science. Using a solution of oxalic acid in the presence of uranium acetate, it was found that the actinic effect of the sun was highest at the spring and fall equinoxes, and lowest at the summer and winter solstices.

SOCIAL STATISTICS.

An international institute is being formed to collect and compile figures on subjects which are barometers of financial, industrial, trade or social conditions. It is proposed that monthly figures of the subjects mentioned shall be cabled by the different nations on a given day each month to the office of the institute for immediate publication in a form ready for comparative use by business men. There is no doubt a great scope for work of this kind, and it is to be hoped that the proposed international institute may fulfil successfully this very important function.

ASHOKAN DAM SHAFT.

With the exception of some finishing work in the Garrison tunnel, the Catskill Aqueduct is now practically completed from High Falls to Hillsville Reservoir, which lies on the outskirts of New York city. On November 11th water from the Ashokan Dam was sent through one of the great shafts of the Aqueduct, namely, shaft No. 1, which is situated at Stone Ridge. The water reaches a point seven hundred feet below the surface, at which level it is carried below the Rondout Valley for a distance of about six miles. The test was completely successful. Other shafts will be tested in the same way successively, until the whole system has been tried out.

A SOOT AND DUST GAGE.

According to the *Electrician*, an organized attempt to measure, by means of instruments standardized by the Smoke Abatement Committee, the extent of the soot and dust existing in the atmosphere of several large towns and cities in the United Kingdom has been undertaken, commencing from the first of the present month. The instrument to be used follows the principle of the rain gage a given area being exposed to catch all solid matter that either falls by gravity or is borne down by rain. This is collected in a glass receiver placed beneath a duct leading from the collecting surface. The receiver will be removed once a month and replaced by a fresh one.

A READING OPTOPHONE.

A year ago an instrument was developed which enabled a blind person to discover the whereabouts of windows, lights and light objects, by sound. This instrument, known as the optophone, made use of the varying resistances of selenium cells when exposed to light, and made known the presence of light by means of a telephone. The apparatus has since been improved to the extent that it is now possible for a blind person to read type. So far the smallest type that may be successfully read is an inch high and it must be photographed white, as a transparency. The letters give various characteristic sounds. As described in the *Electrician*, "the two vertical strokes of H or M give a chaos of notes, the middle stroke of N gives a falling gamut, the three horizontal strokes of E give a chord and the curved lines of O and S give characteristic flourishes of sound. The alphabet of capitals can be learned in about an hour, and once learned, the process of reading may become as rapid as that of reading by sight."

LORD ROSEBERY ON FACT AND LEGEND.

LADY STAIR'S HOUSE AS A MUSEUM.

A DELIGHTFUL SPEECH.

Lord Rosebery on December 6 formally declared open Lady Stair's house in Bankstrest, Edinburgh, which he has presented to the city and which has converted into a corporation museum. been Lord Provost Inches precided.

Lord Rosebery said :—I think of all persons who are least qualified to open a museum of this kind it is the person who has had the privilege of offering it to the city. This function ought, therefore in my judgment to have been entrusted to some third and more capable hand, and for that purpose I should like to have handed it over with your permission to our friend Lord Strathclyde. At the time you asked me he had not attained his present elevation, but I have been in a constant state of commiseration with him since he was relegated to the silence of the Judicial Bench. I have constantly pointed out to him privately that I am convinced that a daily speech of at least an hour is as necessary to his digestion as grits to that of a grouse, (Laughter.) I am seriously apprehensive of the effects upon his health of the enforced and compulsory silence to which he is at present relegated. It was too late when he became Justice-General to try to fob him off with the duty with which I am entrusted ; but I do trust you will take note of the observation I am addressing to you, and not lose sight of the need of Lord Strathclyde's constitution and utilize him for every municipal purpose which you find available for him. (Laughter.)

We have all heard of the legends of Lady Stair's house. I trust that everybody here has read "My Aunt Margaret's Mirror," in which perhaps the chief of those legends is enshrined. We all know that according to Sir Walter Scott Lady Primrose went to a soothsayer, a man with a magic mirror, and in this mirror she saw her husband about to be married to somebody else in a Dutch church, and then suddenly someone whom she recognized to be her brother or half-brother rushed in and intervened, and in a duel which took place the brother or half brother was killed. Later on she was asked to forgive this recalcitrant husband by an elderly gentleman whom she soon saw to be the husband himself. I am not quite sure at this moment whether she forgave him or not, but it was not at any rate a copious or spontaneous forgiveness, and the only flaw I find in the story is this, that according to the authorities which lie before me, the main one of which is Miss Rosaline Masson's article in *Chamber's Journal* which is characterized by all the hereditary charm and talent of her name, Lord Primrose must have been quite a young man when he passed away. Afterwards the lady, being set free, marries the second Lord Stair. The other legend was this. It is of a more romantic and almost more indelicate character. Lord Stair was extremely anxious to marry this pretty widow who said she would not marry him. So to compel her to marry him he appeared in his dressing-gown at the window of her oratory or dressing-room or whatever it was in the early morning, having bribed her maid, and in this way so compromised the unhappy lady that she was compelled to marry him whether she wished it or not.

It was under the inspiration of those legends that I bought this house and restored it, and if I may say a word which is not, I hope, ungrateful to the architect I think a little over-restored it. Then there comes every sort of pestilent commentator to destroy every vestige of legend and romance that attaches to this house. First comes my friend Miss Rosaline Masson, and the story of the appearance in the dressing-gown at the window, which gives much charm to the courtship of Lord Stair (laughter), is demolished by the fact that six years before Lord Stair appeared in his dressing-gown at the window he had secretly married the lady in London. The certificate has been found. That was bad enough. I staggered under the blow. But after that there comes another commentator who good naturedly points out that the house never belonged to that Lady Stair at all. It turns out that it belonged not to the second Lady Stair but to the first Lady Stair, the wife of the Lord Stair who was concerned in the affair of Glencoe.

Now let us try to reconcile tradition to these disgusting facts. (Laughter.) Surely there can be nothing more reasonable than to believe that the second Lord Stair, being very much attached to Lady Primrose, might have asked his mother to invite her for a prolonged stay to her house in Edinburgh, more especially as according to another commentator, he had long been secretly married to her. It is also possible that Lady Stair even before the marriage might have invited this lady to stay with her and that from there she went to see the magic mirror. Then we come to the affair of the dressing-gown. Lord Stair had been married so Lady Stair six years when he appeared at her window in his dressing-gown and though the marriage was not known in Edinburgh there was nothing at all wrong or indiscreet in his appearance in the dressing-gown. He only forgot for a moment that his marriage had not been published. Don't you legend in this way, that we arrive at an accommodation between fact and which which is eminently satisfactory to those who, like myself, much prefer legend to fact ? (Laughter.)

I have to express the real joy it is to me to be connected with this house one more link with the city of Edinburgh of which I think I am now unfortunately the oldest honorary burgess and to which I am attached by so many claims of kindred ancestry. (Cheers.)

A golden key was presented to Lord Rosebery as a memento of the occasion.

KAISERIN AND ST... CHURCH:

OPPOSITION TO WITHDR... AL CAMPAIGN.

GROWING DISSENT MOVE...

It is generally in the role of ... plary housewife, mother and p... rees of various charitable and re... organisations that Germans are ... tomed to regard the Kaiserin, b... Majesty has appeared in a new ... that of champion of the State C... says the Berlin correspondent ... *Daily Mail*.

According to reports, as yet ... tradicted, she has departed fro... custom by interesting herself f... first time in State affairs. Abou... years ago a so-called "committee ... confessionless" was formed to ... for withdrawal from the State C...

The withdrawal movement, ... had already attained considerab... portions, has been increasing ... since then. To further the ... paganda, the committee arranged ... mass meetings to be held on W... day, in mail week, at which the ... ers should advocate "massenau... from the Church.

The choice of the day dis... even a great many persons ... sympathy for the Evangelical ... is small, since Wednesday wa... pentance day," one of the ... solemn Church holy days ... entire year. The police of some ... Greater Berlin municipalities ... permission for the meetings, b... police president of Berlin prope... ed to allow the meeting sched... be held in the old city, and to... unusual step of notifying the ... heads of the other municipalities ... section. Thereupon the latter ... the permission granted by them.

HIGHER WITHDRAWAL F...

It is now reported that the p... tion of the meetings was direct... to the action of the Kaiserin, ... deep religious convictions were o... ed by the choice of Wednesday ... the agitation. It is also unde... that her Majesty confered with ... number of dignitaries as to the ... sibility of taking steps to oppos... growing withdrawal movement ... suggested, among other remedie... possibility of increasing to a pr... tive figure the fees to be paid by ... sons desiring to withdraw.

At present the fees for withd... which involves a formal notarial ... are four marks. It is reported tha... Kaiserin favours an increase to a... a hundred marks, and the matter ... be brought up at the coming sess... the Prussian Diet.

The immediate result of the Kaiserin's intervention, however, is not encouraging. The committee of the "confessionless" simply postponed the meetings until Thursday and, as a result of the advertising obtained by ... through the police prohibition, the attendance was much larger than would otherwise have been the case. A great number of those present signed declarations of their intention to withdraw from the Church, and hundreds of others are likely to do so in the near future.

PROP TO THE THRONE.

The exact number of withdrawals since the committee began the agitation is not known but it runs high into thousands and the movement is gathering impetus every month. A great number of withdrawals is due simply to the desire to escape the payment of Church taxes, which are collected by the State, but thousands feel that the Church is only a Government department permeated with formalism, and that the only way to bring about the separation of Church and State is by withdrawing. The Socialists whose party platform declares religion to be each man's private affair, are taking a leading part in the agitation.

Opposition to the movement thus far has been confined to moral suasion by clergymen and to isolated police action, as for instance the confiscation of committee placards announcing the places where printed forms for declaration of withdrawals may be purchased. Indications are beginning to multiply, however, that the authorities are seriously concerned by the movement. Both the Kaiser and the Kaiserin are deeply religious and moreover the Church is one of the chief props of the Throne, and it is expected that the rulers will do everything possible to check a movement so dangerous.

Some German States have already made certain concessions, impelled by the withdrawal movement, especially along the line permitting the children of dissenting parents to receive prescribed compulsory religious instruction from non-sectarian ministers. Thus far, however, Prussia resolutely clings to compulsory orthodox religious instruction for school children.

SHORT CUTS TO WEALTH.

ECHO OF THE DUEZ SCANDAL.

The trial has just begun in Paris of Martin Gauthier, the right hand and alleged accomplice of M. Duez, the liquidator of the Church Estates, whose exploits are still fresh in the public mind. Gauthier declares that until his chief confessed he had no idea of any irregularities, yet his own account of the way in which Duez threw money about, and a considerable quantity of it his own way, reads rather strangely.

Gauthier seems says the Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* to have been a struggling hard-working clerk, with plenty of wits and ambition when Duez chose him as a suitable assistant. He says that at first there was no talk of salary, but after he had made up the dosiers of some of the liquidations Duez handed him £60, telling him that henceforth this sum would be his monthly salary. "It seemed that the gates of Eldorado were opened to me," and well it might, especially when Duez added that he intended to give Gauthier 20 per cent. of all that he made himself.

Later, when Duez was given the huge liquidation of the Christian Brethren, comprising 1800 establishments, he increased Gauthier's salary to £160 a month, which, it must be admitted, was rather large for a confidential clerk who was almost the only employee Duez engaged. In fact it was Gauthier, according to his own story, who really did almost the whole of the work, taking no holidays whereas Duez was always away enjoying himself at Nice, Biarritz, or in Italy, when he was not giving £50 notes as curlpapers to dancing girls in Paris.

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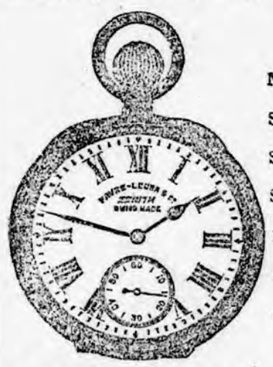

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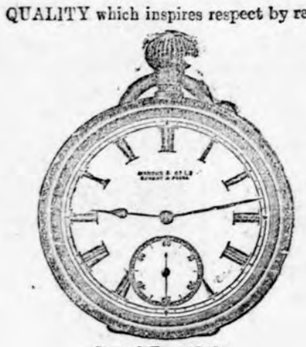

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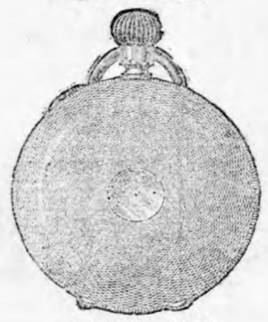

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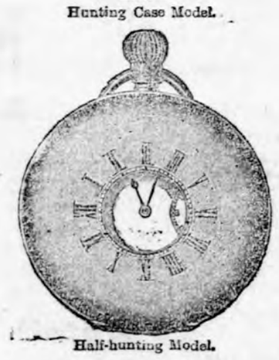

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